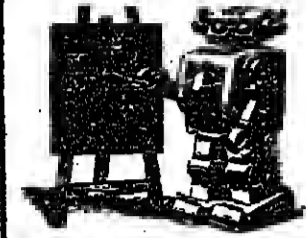


THE TIMES Monday

Stop In the 1960s robots seemed about to walk all over the industrial world. Our series shows how the march of the machines may have been halted.



Go The nationalized industry chief who tried 'to reconcile efficiency with happiness'. Sir Peter Parker bowing out after seven years in charge of British Rail.

Cats You and your cat: Modern Times looks at a great British love affair.

Bats John Woodcock on the highlight of the one-day county cricket season, Kent v Somerset in the NatWest Trophy final.

France may host talks on Lebanon

France may be ready to host Lebanese peace talks on board an aircraft carrier sailing to the region. President Gemayel is considering the formation of a new Cabinet to prevent further sectarian fighting.

Labour paper move blocked

TUC moves to set up a popular newspaper sympathetic to the Labour movement, seem doomed to fail at next week's congress. Members of the General Council have agreed to block a proposal to ask unions to provide £5.7m for a launch fund.

Sweet rivalry

The Government's imminent approval of two new artificial substitutes for sugar is expected to produce unprecedented consumer competition and allegations of health risks.

Jesuits rebuked

The Pope told Jesuits to conduct themselves in a manner worthy of their vocation. He was addressing a general congregation which will elect the Order's superior.

Spy chief ousted

Admiral Glamor Schmaehling, the head of West German counter-intelligence, has been dismissed after admitting a 'relationship' with a woman member of the army.

Tax blow

Six of those who pay income tax through the Pay As You Earn (PAYE) system receive additional demands from the Inland Revenue.

Police doubts

Computers do not provide an easy way of solving crime and can sometimes be a hindrance, the Association of Chief Police Officers has been told.

Stubble trouble

An MP has called for an end to stubble and straw burning after strong winds caused a black storm over Kent.

Three drown

One yachtsman died and another was rescued from mountainous seas off the Cornish coast. Two people were swept out to sea in a gale.

Crossword final

Twenty addicts gather in London tomorrow for the national final of The Times Collins Dictionaries crossword championship.

Four in five

Malcolm Marshall took four wickets in five balls, including a hat-trick, for Hampshire against Somerset, Essex and Middlesex, the leading contenders for the county championship, were both frustrated by rain.

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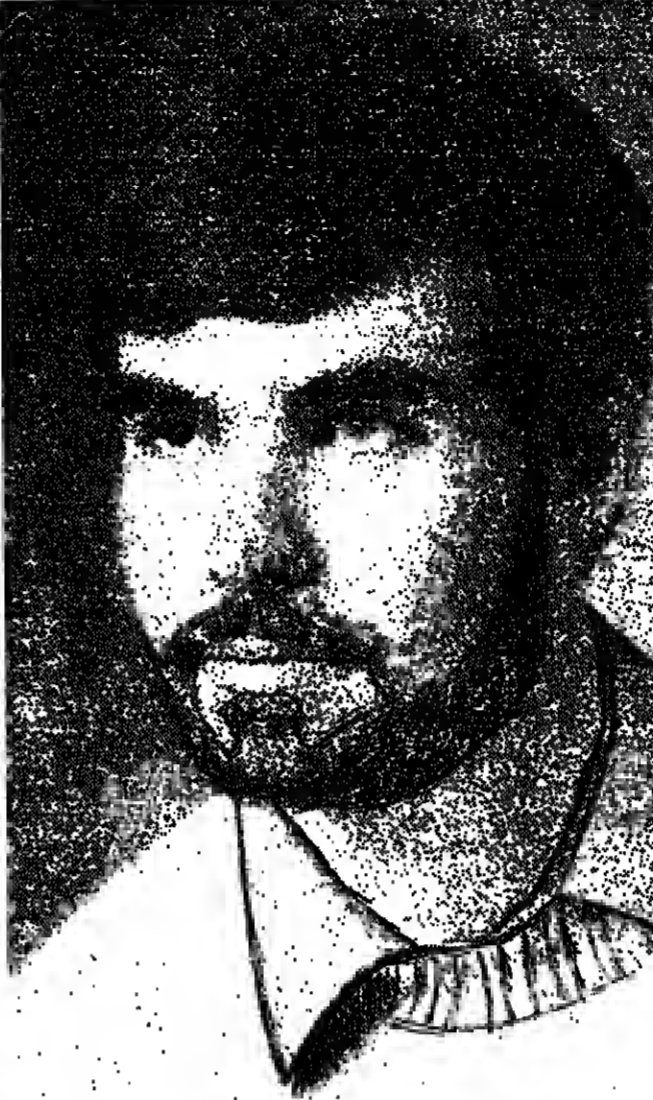
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US accuses Russia of terrorism and lies A spy plane, says Moscow

The Kremlin claimed last night that the South Korean civilian aircraft which disappeared near Sakhalin island early on Thursday was being used as a spy plane. It admitted that Soviet fighters had fired 'warning shots with tracer shells along the route of the plane' but avoided saying whether the aircraft was hit. President Reagan cut short his holiday and on television accused Moscow of a 'terrorist act' and of lying about the circumstances of the disaster. Sir Geoffrey Howe summoned Mr

Victor Popov, the Soviet Ambassador in London, to the Foreign Office to hear Britain's 'strong condemnation' of the Soviet action. He said: 'We are demanding an explanation, demanding an apology, demanding compensation, demanding punishment of those responsible for the decision to shoot down the plane. As world anger mounted, the Pope expressed his shock; and many nations joined in the demand for the United Nations Security Council to meet



British victim: Mr Ian Powrie (above), aged 24, was the Briton killed in the Korean airline disaster. He was on his way to South Korea to take up a senior appointment with the American engineering firm he had worked for in New Jersey for the past year.

Loss of human life admitted by Tass

The Soviet Union yesterday said the South Korean airliner which disappeared near Sakhalin island early on Thursday morning was not an ordinary aircraft. A Tass statement admitted there had been 'loss of human life' and said the deaths were due to 'criminal disregard' on the part of those who had used a passenger jet for intelligence gathering. The statement admitted for the first time that Soviet fighters had fired warning shots 'with tracer shells along the route of the plane', but did not say whether the aircraft had been hit.

The Tass statement said 'There is reason to believe that those who organized this provocation deliberately desired a further aggravation of the international situation by striving to smear the Soviet Union... hostilities towards it and cast aspersions on Soviet peace-loving policies.' The agency said it had been authorized to state the Soviet leadership's regret over the loss of human life 'and at the same time its resolute condemnation of those who consciously or as the result of criminal disregard have allowed the death of people and a new attempt to use the occurrence for unseemly political ends'.

The statement, issued just as an emergency session of the UN Security Council was about to start, said that soon after the warning shots had been fired the 'intruder plane' had left Soviet airspace and continued flying towards the Sea of Japan.

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It had remained 'within the observation range of radio location means, for about 10 minutes, after which it could be observed no more'. Diplomats said the statement amounted to an admission that the airliner had crashed or exploded after being intercepted and fired on by Soviet fighters. But it was an attempt to turn the tables by blaming the tragedy on the US on the grounds that the South Korean jumbo jet had not strayed accidentally into Soviet airspace, but was gathering intelligence in a highly-sensitive military area.

The Tass statement said an 'unidentified plane' had 'rudely violated' Soviet state borders and penetrated deep into Soviet airspace. The aircraft had flown 400 kilometres (310 miles) over Soviet territory and spent more than two hours above the Kamchatka peninsula, the Sea of Okhotsk and Sakhalin island. The statement repeated charges made by Tass on Thursday - the first Soviet comment for 18 hours - that the Korean jet had been flying without navigation lights and did not react to radio contact. Tass said that it was 'natural' for Soviet air defences to scramble fighters to intercept the aircraft and try to direct it to the nearest Soviet airfield. A 'Soviet aircraft had fired warning shots over Sakhalin when the intruder ignored all signals. Tass referred to the international outcry over the incident as a 'hullabaloo' raised in the US and some other countries 'over the disappearance of a South Korean plane on a flight from New York to Seoul'.

Canada and Japan back UN move

Japan and Canada yesterday joined the United States in requesting an urgent meeting of the United Nations Security Council. Canada said the destruction of an unarmed civil aircraft and the killing of innocent passengers, including a number of Canadians, was 'deplorable'. It called the action a flagrant violation of international civil aviation and international law.

Angry Reagan sends Awacs and F15s to search area

In his toughest anti-Soviet remarks since coming to office, President Reagan yesterday sent the Awacs surveillance aircraft to northern Japan to help with search and rescue operations. So far the wreckage of the unarmed Awacs was accompanied by an escort of five F15 fighters.

By bringing the issue before the council the United States means to reinforce the Soviet Union's disgrace in the international community and question whether Moscow can be trusted. But the Reagan Administration is expected to find it difficult to win enough support for a formal condemnation of the apparent Soviet action as long as there is less than conclusive evidence that the highest levels of the Soviet command structure ordered the destruction of the aircraft.

The President was speaking as pressure was mounting among Congressmen for the US to take retaliatory action against the Soviet Union. A congressman, Mr Lawrence McDonald (Democrat, Georgia) chairman of the right-wing John Birch Society, was among at least 51 Americans who were killed in the disaster.

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The US has already called for a meeting of the United Nations Security Council to consider the incident, which has driven Soviet-American relations to their lowest level since the Russian invasion of Afghanistan.

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Referring to the UN meeting, the President said the Soviet action 'should not be compounded through silence or legal distortion of the evidence now at hand'.

Questions are also being raised as to how well the Soviet armed forces are controlled. Any resolution condemning the Soviets is guaranteed to produce a veto from them.

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Man of steel behind Parker

Top job for lifelong railman

By Michael Baily Transport Editor

Mr Tom King, Secretary of State for Transport, yesterday appointed Mr Bob Reid, the present chief executive of British Rail, as chairman in succession of Sir Peter Parker. He also announced that Sir Richard Cave, of Thorn EMI, would be his deputy.

Coalition parties pledge support for Shamir

Only hours after being elected to succeed Mr Menachem Begin as leader of the Herut Party Mr Yitzhak Shamir, the foreign Minister, yesterday made rapid progress to his efforts to hold together the existing Likud coalition and become Israel's seventh prime minister.

Mr Reid was telephoned on Thursday night by Mr King and told of his appointment. He is at present on holiday climbing in the southern Swiss Alps.

Showing a new public confidence after his victory over Mr David Levy, the younger challenger, Mr Shamir, who is 67, had by last night secured a written undertaking from the present coalition members which would give his new government a working majority.

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Although the undertaking is not binding it was considered to be sufficient basis to thwart efforts by the main opposition Labour Party to form a rival left-wing coalition. Mr Shamir predicted that within a week he would be able to put his Cabinet before the Knesset for a vote of confidence.

Mr Reid, who is aged 62, is a life-long railway man, shy but tough, whose appointment will be greatly welcomed in the rail industry. He is the first man with a railway background to hold the job since Sir Henry Johnson and Sir Stanley Raymond in the 1960s.

Mr Shamir hinted strongly that a new general election would have to be held before the scheduled date in 1983. Next spring is a time frequently mentioned.

Surprise jobless fall a boost for Government

By Frances Williams, Economics Correspondent

The Government's economic policies received a welcome and unexpected boost yesterday with news that the underlying total of the unemployed to the United Kingdom fell last month for the first time in almost four years.

The unadjusted unemployment figures for the best guide to underlying trends - fell by 6,700 in August to 2,941,500, or one in eight of the labour force. The figures allow for the impact of schemes that have taken several thousand older men out of the official count of unemployment.

The unadjusted unemployment total, including school-leavers also fell by nearly 10,000 last month in July, from 3,221,783 to 3,231,720 in July, the first August drop since 1979.

The latest figures are especially cheering for ministers because they come after a string of gloomy statistics over the past month on economic growth, industrial production, and investment. These have led many outside analysts to suggest that the recovery is running out of steam.

The Government was reluctant, however, in appear euphoric yesterday. Mr Norman Tebbit, Secretary of State for Employment, said the figures confirmed that the trend of rising unemployment was moderating markedly, but cautioned against interpreting one month's figures as signalling a sharp change in the long-term trend.

'It would be over-optimistic to claim that we have yet finally turned the corner from rising to falling unemployment', he said. Nevertheless, Whitehall officials are quietly confident that the unemployment picture is improving significantly. Over the past six months unemployment had risen

by 17,000 a month, compared with 28,000 a month in the previous six months. Notified vacancies have risen sharply, too. At 162,000 last month, seasonally adjusted, they are more than 40 per cent up on a year earlier and at their highest level since the spring of 1980. The number of unfilled jobs is generally believed to be about three times higher.

The outlook for unemployment is clouded by uncertainty over the prospects for growth. The Government is hoping that if the economy grows, as predicted, by about 2 1/2 per cent over the next year unemployment will stabilize near today's levels.

But if recovery peters out, as predicted by several influential outside forecasters, including the National Institute for Economic and Social Research, yesterday's figures may mark only a hiccup in the relentless upward climb in joblessness.

The national institute predicted last week that adult unemployment starts in the latest three months down by 13 per cent on the previous three months, allowing for seasonal factors, although they were 12 per cent up on the corresponding period last year.

The drop between May and July was almost entirely the result of a sharp fall in public housing starts. Unemployment in the United States was unchanged last month at 4.5 per cent of the workforce, with 10.7 million out of work.

BA Boeing decision disappoints Airbus

By Michael Baily, Transport Editor

British Airways confirmed yesterday that it would not order the new 150-seat European Airbus A320 for the present, but may do so in five years' time. The BA board decided to lease a fleet of Boeing 737s with finance from a consortium of banks to provide short-term replacement for its fleet of Trident 1s on domestic shuttle and European routes which will contravene new noise regulations in 1986.

Some 14 Boeing's will be leased, at first with options for a further 17 later on fixed rentals renewable annually. A consortium of British, European, and United States banks led by the Chemical Bank is providing the finance.

The decision comes as a disappointment, though hardly a surprise, to Airbus Industries, of which British Aerospace is a 20 per cent partner, which badly needs firm orders to get the A320 off the drawing board and into the factory.

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Entente cordiale CHANEL FOR GENTLEMEN



TUC calls for revamp of Labour policies to attract the electorate

By Paul Routledge, Labour Editor

TUC leaders have decided to try to revamp the public image of the labour movement after the disastrous general election verdict on its policies.

At its pre-conference meeting in Blackpool, the general council agreed without dissent to support a composite motion that rejects the use of industrial action for party political purposes and calls for an objective reappraisal of TUC policies.

Conscious of the Government's intention to legislate soon on the internal affairs of unions, the TUC insists in the motion that the unions should be strong and independent but should also "accurately reflect the wishes and aspirations of their members".

Unions not affiliated to the Labour Party have played a leading role in putting together the policy initiative which argues that the Congress cannot ignore the lessons of the general election. It "recognizes, with deep concern, that many trade union members and their families failed to vote for the economic and social policies agreed by successive Congresses, and deeply regrets the inability of both wings of the Government to deal with the problems across to the people in the last election their demand for jobs and the regeneration of industry".

Delegates are being asked to reject political strikes but to

record their belief "that democracy does not begin and end with placing a vote in a ballot box at a general election and to accept that trade unions have historically required a major political arm to achieve their objectives".

The general council was instructed to examine urgently why the unions failed to persuade members to support their policies.

TUC leaders have been told to prepare a statement on the principles of modern trade unionism and the steps required for unions to prosper and recruit new members—particularly young people.

But the policy motion, which is expected to receive overwhelming support, expects that the TUC will continue to work closely with the Labour Party through the joint liaison committee to draw up policies to put before the electorate when the Tories seek a mandate for a third term of office.

The liaison committee should continue to work out "a positive programme of action for the recovery of Britain which reflects the concerns of working people".

The council is also asked to prepare its statement on the principles of modern trade unionism in time for it to be circulated to more than 100 affiliated unions next year so that

they can consider it before it is put to a next year's congress in Brighton.

Mr Alistair Graham, general secretary of the Civil and Public Services Association, who has been a leading figure in the move to swing the TUC back to industrial rather than political preoccupations, will move the motion. It also has the support of Mr David Bassett, chairman of the TUC economic committee and of the political pressure groups, Trade Unions for Labour Victory.

Fraud charges

Three men from south London were charged with conspiring to defraud at Horsham Road Magistrates Court after the discovery of forged copies of electricity and road tax savings stamps valued at £3m. Bryan Lynch, aged 29; Edward Parson, aged 18, and James Jones aged 27, were all remanded on bail.

Refinery fire out

Firemen yesterday finally won their battle to put out a fire at a storage tank that had contained more than 10 million gallons of crude oil. The fire was at the Amoco refinery in Milford Haven. Seven firemen were hurt.



Aaron Lee and yesterday's search by police on waste ground for clues to his killer

Passengers may have seen murder

By Stewart Tisdler, Crime Reporter

Scotland Yard detectives appealed yesterday for help from passengers on a south London commuter train who may have glanced through their carriage windows and witnessed the murder of a boy aged 15.

Aaron Lee, of Abercain Road, Streatham, was stabbed as he played on waste ground near the London to Brighton railway line on Thursday evening. The alarm was raised by a boy, aged 15, who ran from the waste ground, often used by local children, and stopped a passing adult.

When the police arrived at the waste ground, behind Gleanster Park Road, they found the child's body and his bicycle near by. Three hours later the boy's stepfather reported him

missing and the police were able to identify the body.

Yesterday morning, as news of the murder became known, Streatham police station received an anonymous telephone call from a man whom officers believe must have been a passenger on board the 18.10 Coulsdon North to Victoria train, saying that he had seen someone being attacked.

Det Chief Supt Raymond Adams urged the man to call again and said that he would be prepared to meet him in the strictest confidentiality. He also appealed for other passengers on the train to come forward.

It stopped at East Croydon at 18.19 when four extra carriages were added.

The train passed the waste ground at 18.32.

A post mortem examination of the boy found no obvious motive for the killing and there was no sign of a sexual attack. The other boy aged 15, said to be very shocked, was questioned by detectives.

The police are looking for a boy with a bicycle who was playing on the waste ground.

Aaron Lee left home on Thursday at about 5pm after telling his mother that he was going for a ride on his bicycle but that he would return at the right time for bed. His family made contact with the police when he was late, and after they had noticed police activity in the area.

Computers can hinder crime inquiries, police say

From Ronald Faux, Preston

Computers do not provide an easy way of solving serious crime, the Association of Chief Police Officers said yesterday.

Mr Roger Birch, Chief Constable of Sussex, where a big inquiry is under way into a sexual assault on a child, told a press conference at Lancashire police headquarters that it had been tempting to accept the offer of a computer in the hunt for the boy's attacker.

He said: "I had to look at the practicality of it. Having talked about it in the operations room, we decided that it would not have been justified."

There would have been problems in training people and in converting earlier records, both of which would have hindered the investigation.

He said the Sussex inquiry had produced between 2,000 and 3,000 items of information, compared with 500,000 in the Yorkshire "Rigby" inquiry.

The chief officers have spent three days in private discussing new methods of dealing with big crimes and computers had come high in their thinking.

But Mr Kenneth Oxford, president of the association and Chief Constable of Merseyside, said that using a computer as an aid to solving crime was not like buying a transistor radio or tape recorder.

"You could buy the hardware off the shelf but it takes many months' application to programme the computer," he said. They did not replace the human element of the aid the public gave

the police during inquiries.

Mr Oxford said he had spoken the previous evening to Mr Leon Brittan, the Home Secretary, after his decision to ask chief constables to examine how the police investigation of serious assaults might be improved.

Mr Oxford had assured the Home Secretary that all the expertise, experience, and resources of the police force were being applied jointly and individually in such investigations.

But Mr Oxford gave a warning that there was a danger of over-deploying the force so that they became more of a hindrance than a help.

He said chief officers in the whole of the police service were not complacent and were very much concerned with the issues in the Home Secretary's statement.

Social workers ban overtime in homes

By Pat Healy, Social Services Correspondent

Residential social workers in homes for children, the elderly, disabled, and mentally handicapped will begin industrial action on September 12 after an overwhelming vote in favour of banning overtime and admissions.

The action is likely to affect children's homes worst because they have a higher turnover than other homes and more of their residential social workers belong to the National and Local Government Officers' Association (Nalgo), which organized the ballot.

The dispute is over Nalgo's claim for premium payments for overtime, shift working, irregular hours and Bank holiday working, and for a reduction in the basic working week from 39 to 35 hours.

Premium payments would bring social workers' conditions into line with those of manual workers in residential homes. The reduction in the working week would give them the same basic hours as other white-collar local government workers.

The employers, who broke off the seventh round of negotiations in June, say that the varied working patterns of residential social workers have already been recognized in their basic pay and their working week was reduced by one hour last year after arbitration.

The employers made clear yesterday that they would not

change their position and appealed to Nalgo members to think again before taking industrial action.

Nalgo predicted last night that the effects would be noticed quickly as residential social workers were normally on duty for 60 hours a week.

The union hopes that the ban on admissions will force local authorities to turn to voluntary or private homes at greater expense and inconvenience.

Nalgo said that there would be no exemptions from the admissions ban, although the British Association of Social Workers (BASW) is asking its members to ask Nalgo members to set up emergency procedures.

Mr John Cypher, general secretary of BASW, said that his association supported the residential social workers' claim but he was worried about the position of children needing emergency admission to a home after being made subject to a Place of Safety Order.

Union rebuff for SDP overtures

By Our Labour Editor

The Social Democratic Party is heading for a sharp rebuff to a request for top-level talks with the unions on labour law reform.

Dr David Owen, leader of the SDP, has written to the general secretaries of 65 trade unions affiliated to the Labour Party asking for discussions on the industrial relations bill proposed by Mr Norman Tebbit, Secretary of State for Employment.

He has enclosed a six-page summary of the Social Democrats' plans for changing the unions, which TUC leaders argue go even further than the Conservative plans to impose new rules for internal union democracy.

Union leaders who are in Blackpool for next week's trades union congress have dismissed the invitation. A typical reaction came from Mr Alan Tiffin, the postman's leader, who said: "As far as we are concerned, Dr Owen can get lost."

In his letter, the SDP leader says: "We would welcome an opportunity to meet you or other representatives of your union to hear your views. The SDP obtained 3.5 million votes at the last election and, in alliance with the Labour Party, nearly 8 million, many of whom were trade unionists."

TUC leaders are evidently unimpressed by that argument, and the reaction has been broadly similar right across the trade union political spectrum.

Mr Terence Duffy, president of the engineering workers' union, said that he was not interested in meeting Dr Owen. Mr Arthur Scargill, leader of the National Union of Mineworkers, said: "We do not intend to talk to the Government and even less so to Dr Owen."

The party's plan also provides for "opting in" instead of "opting out" on the trade union political levy, and for similar arrangements to ballot shareholders of private companies which make payments to political parties.

Union leaders are almost as surprised at what is regarded as an unduly personal approach from Dr Owen as at the general nature of the proposal itself. Dr Owen's letters are addressed to general secretaries on first name terms, which last night they were at pains to deny that such a relationship ever existed.

Thatcher visit

Mrs Margaret Thatcher will have talks with President Reagan and Mr Pierre Trudeau during a visit to the United States and Canada at the end of this month, it was announced from 10 Downing Street yesterday.

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College says county will save it from closure

By Lucy Hodges, Education Correspondent

Fleetwood nautical college in Lancashire said yesterday that it would not close, as suggested last month by government advisers, because it had the full support of the county council.

Mr Roger Scholes, its principal, said that talks were being held with the regional advisory council about the possibility of Fleetwood collaborating with Liverpool colleges on advanced work.

It was the advanced nautical courses that the National Advisory Body for Local Authority Further Education said should close at Fleetwood. It was suggested, as a result, that the whole college might have to close. Mr Scholes said yesterday,

however, that even if the college did lose all its advanced work it would not have to close because the bulk of its work was in non-advanced further education courses, which Lancashire County Council would continue to fund.

These courses include marine electronics (radio and radar). Students have no trouble in finding work with such qualifications.

Advanced courses form only 13 per cent of the college's work, but it is an important sector and one the college does not want to lose. After the advisory board's recommendation 13 companies wrote to support Fleetwood's work.

Navy dumps nuclear waste, Slater says

Mr James Slater, the National Union of Seamen's leader, said yesterday that his union had secret Ministry of Defence documents which, he claimed, showed that Britain was evading the international moratorium on dumping nuclear waste at sea.

He said the secret minutes - which appeared to be the ones obtained by the environmental pressure groups, Greenpeace and Friends of the Earth - showed that at least one vessel had been used to get round the moratorium and the ban imposed by British transport unions.

One way, he believed, was for

nuclear waste to go through naval dockyards where it would be "smuggled" out and dumped at sea by submarines.

Mr Slater said Britain was now the nuclear dustbin for the world. He added that the secret document showed that the Government was intent on ignoring the two-year moratorium agreed by the London Dumping Convention, a United Nations-sponsored agency that regulates the disposal of nuclear wastes at sea.

He said the Government had repeatedly claimed that the waste which was being dumped was mainly from hospitals.

Coroner in Ulster attacks DPP

From Our Correspondent Belfast

The Director of Public Prosecutions was severely criticized by a Northern Ireland coroner yesterday for the amount of time being taken to complete investigations into the deaths of six people shot by the security forces in an Armagh in November and December last year.

Comments by the Armagh coroner, Mr Gerard Curran, are likely to increase suspicions in Northern Ireland that the authorities are deliberately being slow with the investigations.

Mr Curran was presiding at the resumed inquest into the deaths of three men shot dead at a police roadblock near Lurgan, an November 12 last year. The inquest was originally adjourned in June to allow the DPP a further three months to complete his investigation and was adjourned again yesterday.

The coroner said he was forced to take the unusual step of ordering jurors and witnesses to be present for a resumed sitting on October 5.

Last night a spokesman for the DPP's office in Belfast said: "Clearly, in the interests of justice, investigation should be thorough, scrupulous and undertaken without delay, but the thoroughness of an investigation should not be sacrificed to expediency."

● A Mercedes commercial goods van, expertly armoured and virtually bulletproof against fire, was taken off the road by the Royal Ulster Constabulary, was recently recovered from the Provisional IRA, the police in the Irish Republic confirmed yesterday.

BR freight hive-off call

By Our Transport Editor

Part privatization of British Rail's £500m freight business was advocated by the Freight Transport Association yesterday. Full privatization was recognized as a big political step, Mr Ian Dullison, president of the association, said.

But industry would welcome the hive-off of rail freight into a separate company free from interference and government control and with access to private finance for new investment, Mr

Dullison said.

He was introducing a new association study on rail freight which makes clear industry's keen desire for improved speed, reliability, and costs to combat private hauliers and take freight off the roads.

The study says that if, as expected, British Rail closes the Carlisle to Carnforth line a dozen private sidings, including one that cost £3m to build, will be made redundant.

Four killed and five hurt in house fire

This is the ruined upper storey of a house in which four people died and five were injured in a fire early yesterday.

Mr Donald Parr's clothes caught fire as he climbed blazing stairs at his home in Carisbrook Road, Newport, Isle of Wight, to try to rescue his wife and son.

He was forced back and the bodies of his wife, Margaret, son, Christopher, aged 17, and two lodgers were found later in the ashes of the terraced house's top floor.

Neighbours saw the fire early yesterday at the three-storey house where the Parris took in former psychiatric hospital patients. Firemen, who arrived within a few minutes, found flames breaking through the roof. Neighbouring homes were evacuated as flames spread to adjoining properties. It took sixty firemen and six appliances two hours to bring the blaze under control.

Mrs Parr died when she went to rescue her son. Mr Parr, aged 48, tried to follow her, but was beaten back. He and his daughter Lisa, aged 12, were comforted outside by neighbours.

They were treated for shock and minor injuries in hospital. Mr George Smith, aged 53, and Norman Maynard, aged 62, and Norman Ritchie, who were also hurt in the fire, were transferred to Odebeck hospital, near Salisbury, where they said to be in a satisfactory condition last night.

The cause of the fire, which is thought to have started on the first floor, has not been established. The names of the two other victims had not been released last night.

Owen hopes for wide support

Devolution an alliance priority

Dr David Owen, leader of the Social Democratic Party, said last night that new Alliance proposals for Scottish devolution had a real chance of winning widespread support throughout the United Kingdom.

The proposals are contained in a joint SDP-Liberal Alliance constitutional commission report, published on Thursday, which heavily criticized the over-centralization of government at the expense of Parliament, the regions, and local government.

Under the chairmanship of Sir Henry Fisher, president of Wolfson College, Oxford, the commission elaborated on Alliance manifesto commitments to introduce phased devolution of government to Scotland, Wales, and the English regions, strengthen the powers of the House of Lords, provide greater independence for local authorities with the phased introduction of a local income tax, which would replace the rates; the creation of a Bill of Rights; introduce a public right of access to official information; and reform the House of Lords.

While Dr Owen feels that reform of the House of Lords might be relegated by an Alliance government if a Conservative and Labour opposition threatened to obstruct legislation, the Alliance is determined, as a priority, to bring in Scottish devolution as the initial step in an overall pattern of constitutional reform.

Dr Owen said in speech at Inverthorpe, near Dumfries, Fife, last night: "It should be a source of pleasure to anyone in Scotland who wants to see a Scottish Parliament that this issue has been dealt with firmly and robustly within the context of reform of the United Kingdom constitution because it means that our proposals for Scottish devolution carry credibility, not just in Scotland but in the United Kingdom as well."

The Scottish Parliament would be elected on the basis of proportional representation, which an Alliance government would also introduce for local government, the European parliamentary elections, and the Westminster Parliament, as well as any Welsh or regional English assembly which was eventually phased in over a longer period.

Dr Owen also said: "We advocate an independent source of finance for the Scottish Parliament, but that should come from local income tax. Again this is credible because we are arguing for the abolition of rates in the United Kingdom and for the introduction of local income tax nationwide."

"Because Computerization is so far advanced in Scotland, it can be introduced here quicker than in the rest of the United Kingdom, but again the fundamental fiscal reform is one which is for the whole of the United Kingdom."

Towards a New Constitutional Settlement: Second Report of the Joint Liberal-SDP Alliance Commission on constitutional reform (Penguin, £2.95, £1.95pb, London W11 1LL).

Drugs plot 'trapped woman'

Nicola Friend, aged 31, was trapped into supplying drugs and two Sunday newspaper reporters had connived in the plot, it was alleged by the defence at Croydon Crown Court yesterday.

Friend was given a 15-month sentence suspended for two years, and fined £500 after she admitted supplying cocaine to a *News of the World* journalist, Ms Alex Marunchak, and cannabis to a builder, Mr Robert Delany.

The prosecution alleged that the two journalists discovered that drugs could be bought from Friend's home in Battersea High Street, south London. Mr Marunchak went to her home and posed as a buyer of drugs. He bought three grams of cocaine for £135.

Judge Clay remarked that it was perhaps "a good thing for the journalists that they are not before me".

Women's peace visit cancelled

A visit by 30 "peace women" to the Soviet Union was cancelled last night after the Soviet Embassy in London failed to provide them with visas because of "technical difficulties".

The women should have left last night on a 17-day visit during which they had hoped to meet the official Soviet peace and women's committees, and unofficial peace campaigners.

Progress Tours, the agency organizing the trip said yesterday no explanation had been given for the cancellation, but it was hoped the visit could take place later.

Labour leader to take a rest

Mr Clive Wilkinson, aged 45, who has led the Labour Party on Birmingham City Council for the past 10 years, said yesterday that he would not seek re-election next May.

Mr Wilkinson, who has been regarded as one of the foremost figures in local government politics in the Midlands, said he needed a complete break from active politics. He denied that he was disenchanted with the Labour Party.

Man with rifle arrested at jail

A man armed with an air rifle drove into the courtyard of Bedford Prison on Thursday morning and demanded to see an inmate. The deputy governor of the jail, Mr Colin Griffiths, suggested that he should get into the car and take details of the prisoner.

Mr Griffiths then persuaded him to go to an office near by for a cup of tea, where he was arrested.

Day apologizes

A spokesman for Mr Michael Foot said yesterday that he had received an apology from Sir Robin Day for disclosing that Mr Foot had told him in a private conversation that Mrs Margaret Thatcher had no option but to sink the Argentine warship General Belgrano during the Falklands conflict.

Brittan visit

Mr Leon Brittan, the Home Secretary, visited a youth custody centre in his own constituency at North Allerton, North Yorkshire yesterday. He said that the constructive training provided was preferable to simply locking up offenders.

Drug advice

The Pharmaceutical Society advised pharmacists yesterday not to dispense anti-arthritis drug, Osmosis, without consulting doctors. Osmosis was temporarily withdrawn by its makers on Thursday.

Balmoral bomb

A Second World War mortar bomb has been blown up on the edge of Balmoral estate, where the Royal Family is in residence. It was near one of their favourite picnic places.

Parkinson ill

Mr Cecil Parkinson, Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, was taken ill with food poisoning yesterday and cancelled a tour of the West Midlands.

Leyland payrise

The 6,000 workers at Leyland Vehicle's five main bus and lorry factories have agreed to a 2½ per cent payrise in an attempt to help its fight for survival.

Powell attacks Labour's 'routed Army' leaders

By Our Political Correspondent

Mr Enoch Powell last night joined in the Labour leadership debate with a scathing attack on the candidates' apparent renunciation of election policy to withdraw from the EEC.

He told a meeting in Eastbourne of the British Anti-Common Market Campaign that for more than a decade the issue of Britain's independence ran closely along party political lines.

But that had been altered by the collapse of the Labour Party.

He said: "To watch them is like witnessing the commanders and officers of a routed army lead the headlong flight of their own troops, throwing down arms and trampling, as they do so, the very standards and ensigns under which they had taken the field."

"To assure the policies and promises which they themselves so recently offered to the electorate is regarded by the second-raters, third-raters, and fifth-raters who aspire to lead the routed remnant of their party

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New chemical sweeteners set to challenge sugar and saccharin monopolies

By Clive Cookson, Technology Correspondent

An unprecedented commercial battle for the sweet teeth of Britain's slimmers will start after next week's government approval of new substitutes for sugar. It is likely to be a dirty fight with allegations about the health risks of the rival products.

Two entirely different chemical products, both nearly 200 times sweeter than sugar, will break the monopoly that saccharin has held in the artificial sweetener market since cyclamate was banned 14 years ago.

The new sugar substitutes will also challenge the sales of natural sugar, appealing to people who want to cut calories but cannot stand the bitter after-taste of saccharin. Both products will be sold as a table-top sweetener in tiny tablets and as an additive to manufactured food and drink.

Neither Hoechst, the German manufacturer of aspartame, to be marketed as NutraSweet, or Searle, the American maker of aspartame, will disclose details of the marketing strategy before the sales launch on Tuesday.

However, Searle seems almost certain to win the first round: it has already introduced aspartame in 22 other countries and large quantities are in stock, ready to rush to British customers.

Hoechst, by contrast, has no marketing experience with its Sunett sweetener because Britain is the first country to approve it. The plant that Hoechst is building to produce the sweetener in Frankfurt has not been completed, and sources in the industry doubt whether enough has been made at the company's research facilities to match Searle's aggressive sales strategy.

The sugar industry is ready to counter-attack in defence of its £800m a year market. Promoters of the new sweeteners say that sugar manufacturers lobbied the Government in an attempt to delay the approval of the new sweeteners. That failed, but they now seem certain to challenge the way at least one of the sweeteners is to be marketed.

Mr Graham Somerville, the deputy director general of the "wee" are objecting to what we regard as misleading and unjustified claim," he disputes the advertisement claim that Canderel, Searle's product, has "natural sugar taste".

The company says that the only group who cannot use aspartame with complete safety are the one

Tobacco survey sides with smokers

By David Nicholson-Lord

People should be free to choose whether to smoke, according to a survey commissioned by the Tobacco Advisory Council and published yesterday.

Although 95 per cent of those questioned opted for this freedom, 97 per cent thought smoking should be banned in food shops.

Of the 1,869 people interviewed in the NOP Market Research Survey, 61 per cent were non-smokers. A total of 849 were men and 1,020 women.

One statistic diverging from the general unanimity of the findings was that only 70 per cent of non-smokers said that, in general, they did not object to people smoking.

The Tobacco Advisory Council, which is financed by the tobacco industry, said that the survey showed an "absolutely staggering" amount of tolerance towards smokers, but Action on Smoking and Health (ASH) condemned the survey as a collection of "useless information".

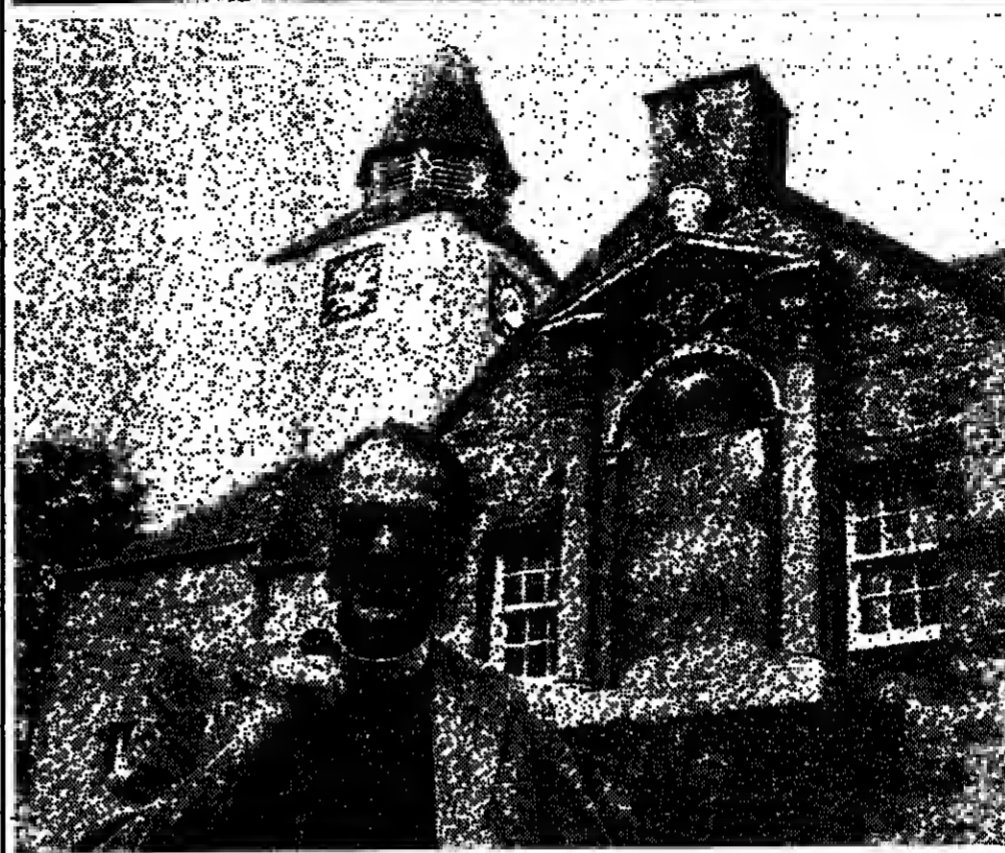
Dr Keith Ball, vice-president ASH said the questions posed were uncontroverted and avoided the real difficulties non-smokers encountered when they wanted to breathe clean air.

But the Tobacco Advisory Council yesterday rejected any suggestion that the survey was a whitewash or propaganda exercise or that the questions were couched at such a level of generality as to call into question the public response.

Mr Anthony St Anbyn, the council's public affairs manager, said yesterday: "We wanted to concentrate on the three main items of freedom, tolerance and courtesy. We wanted to keep it short and simple."

More questions in greater detail would have cluttered the response, he said. "Non-smokers have always got one particular incident when somebody did something horrid to them last week, last month or last year."

Mr Martin Mollholland, chairman of the council's public relations committee, said the facts revealed by the survey stood by themselves.



Crossword addicts prepare to do battle

By Michael Horne

Twenty addicts who probably find it easier to remember that Albert Bongo is the President of Gabon than the date of their wedding anniversary, gather tomorrow for the national final of the (1 across) Meet This/2 down) Editions I call scoria' crossword championship.

Collins Dictionaries and The Times have revived the championship, first started in 1970, after a year of enforced idleness last year when there was no sponsor.

The winner of this year's final will receive the Collins Trophy, a fine crystal sculpture designed and engraved by Alison Kinaird, and a £500 Harrods gift voucher.

The clear favourite is Dr John Sykes, six times a former champion. That does not entirely please Collins. Dr Sykes, aged 54, an astrophysicist turned lexicographer, is an eminent employee of the Oxford University Press.

Still, there's many a slip twixt cup and lip, as the great man himself likes to point out, especially in a competition with 19 other finalists whose average time taken to solve The Times crossword is 10 minutes.

Finalists will have to solve four crosswords from The Times in 30 minutes each and there will be a bonus point a minute of time saved. The programme begins at 1.30 pm at the Park Lane Hotel, Piccadilly, west London, with the audience invited to solve the puzzles simultaneously.

Mr Tony Sever (top left), a computer systems consultant, is the defending 1981 champion. Mr Sever, aged 39, from west London, said: "I am not at all hopeful because John Sykes is competing, which he wasn't when I won."

The Rev Colin Mortons, aged 50, minister of Prestons Church, Prestons, Lothian (bottom left), four times a finalist, is a fancied outsider. More abstruse than his sermons, The Times crossword is a daily delight for it is always capable of solution unlike many of today's problems.

Europe spends more on videos

By Bill Johnston, Electronics Correspondent

European spending on audio and video products last year for the first time almost equalled the combined sales in the United States and Japan, according to a survey on the industry.

It also found that sales of colour television sets and video tape recorders in Britain are increasing and by the end of this year about 27 per cent of British homes will have a video machine.

The survey, conducted by Mackintosh International, an electronics consultancy, says: "Trade shipments of video cassette recorders (VCR) in Europe reached 5.2 million units in 1982, up 42 per cent from the previous year, but the bulk of this growth was lodged in the UK which accounted for an astonishing 47 per cent of total European demand."

It predicts that the combined European VCR and colour television market will be worth more than \$28,000m (£18,000m) a year by 1986. Last year 12.6 million colour television sets, 20 per cent of them portables, were sold in Europe.

Shipments to Britain were about three million, which combined with France and West Germany accounted for more than 60 per cent of the European sales.

Mackintosh indicates that for the first time "retail spending on audio and video products in Europe virtually equalled the combined totals in the United States (\$14,000m) and Japan (\$12,000m) in 1982."

The BBC next Thursday will launch the titles that it is to make available on video cassette. They are expected to be widely available in retail outlets.

£2.5m aid plan for Dragon computers

By Derek Pais

The City put together a £2.5m yesterday to try to save Dragon Data, a South Wales company that has been the most successful in the home computer market.

Dragon's "short-term cash shortage" was disclosed three days after Grundy Business Systems, makers of the NewBrain said it was to go into liquidation.

The Dragon and Grundy reversals have increased fears that the home computer industry is heading for a crisis, with disappointing sales and squeezed profit margins.

Retail prices of most home computers have been cut heavily as retailers have struggled to attract sales in a dull selling period.

The United States computer industry, where price cutting has led to some heavy losses, blames the British market and many people in the industry believe that the British computer market will be in trouble.

Dragon's difficulties emerged when the Mettoy toy group, owner of about 15 per cent of the computer company's shares, said that Dragon had suffered a setback that could have "a serious effect" on Mettoy.

Mettoy's shares fell from 17p to 2p before rallying to 8p.

Mettoy has lost more than £2m in the past three years and it was hoped in the City that Dragon could give the company a chance to move out of loss.

Dragon said yesterday: "Sales of Dragon 32 computers have during the summer months been less than forecast and at the same time the company has been gearing up production to meet pre-Christmas demand. This inevitably has put strains on Dragon Data's immediate cash and borrowing facilities."

Shareholders with a 90 per cent stake in Dragon are thought to have agreed to the rescue plan which may involve them in guaranteeing bank support.

Coffee sales close gap on tea

Record amounts of coffee are being consumed in Britain and the gap between the number of cups of tea and coffee drunk each year has reduced to less than two-to-one in favour of tea, according to a national drinks survey.

The survey, commissioned by The Nestlé Company, found that coffee sales total 24,100m a year, which is fractionally ahead of tea.

Nearly 100 million cups of coffee are consumed every day with most being instant coffee, although the use of ground coffee is increasing.

About 80 per cent is being drunk black or with just "a dash" of milk, and 50 per cent is drunk without sugar.

Boy charged after crash

A boy, aged 13, has been charged with burglary and with taking a vehicle without consent after an accident between a Bentley and a Datsun at Ives, Buckinghamshire, the police said yesterday. A woman, aged 36, is in custody and may also be charged.

Mr Peter Keeble, of Slough, the driver of the Datsun, was seriously hurt and is in intensive care in the Middlesex Hospital. Another child, aged 13, who was in the Bentley, was slightly hurt and taken to hospital.

Weather stops microlight race

The first stage of a race by 82 microlight aircraft from Biggin Hill, Kent, to Paris was cancelled yesterday after gusting winds reached 30 knots. The maximum permitted by safety regulations is 25 knots.

Pilots from six countries, aged between 16 and 73, were to have taken part. The aircraft were taken later by road and ferry to Le Touquet, where the race will be started today.

Attack charge

Joseph Stevens, aged 30, unemployed, from Old Trafford, Manchester, was remanded in custody yesterday by Stammers magistrates, charged with maliciously wounding two elderly men with an axe in a city street on Thursday.

Youth charged

A youth aged 16 was charged with murder yesterday after the discovery of the body of Mrs Mand Bony, a widow aged 75, in her bungalow in an old people's development at Exmouth, Devon.



Gallant diver Petty Officer Michael Harrison, who earlier this week was awarded the Queen's gallantry medal for his part in "possibly the most dangerous task ever undertaken by a Royal Navy diving team" wearing his "hot water" suit at his base in FORTHLEVON, Cornwall.

Petty Officer Harrison, aged 33, who has been in the Navy for 18 years, was the medal for his part in recovering classified documents and equipment from ships sunk during the Falklands campaign last year.

Gypsy jailed for 'holy water cure'

Madame Rose, the gypsy fortune teller who said she could banish the evil spirits that caused a man's impotence by washing £400 in holy water, was jailed for two years by Southwark Crown Court yesterday.

She had told two clients that money would be returned after cleansing, Mr Fergus Mitchell, for the prosecution, said.

But when they went to collect their money Mrs Rose Stevenson, aged 41, of Lordship Road, Hackney, east London, disappeared with it, Mr Mitchell said.

Mr Adayi Adedeke, aged 38, of York Road, Battersea, south London, told the jury that he went to see Madame Rose in December 1977, to cure his "bad dreams and body problems".

"She took the money, £400, and placed it in a cross on the ground and put a fresh egg on top of it. She told me to rub it all over my body, then she broke the egg on the money and black hairs came out of the egg - these were the evil spirits."

"She said I could not take the money because the evil spirits would return if I did."

Mrs Cynthia Alexander, aged 52, of Stephendale Road, Fulham, West London, was told that her "man problems" would be solved by wrapping a £500 amount in coffee jar, filling it with water, and leaving it under her bed for three days.

Stevenson, who denied two charges of obtaining money by deception, said she had taken the money because both Mr Adedeke and Mrs Alexander often came to her for advice without paying.

Mr Recorder Denny, QC, told her: "There are few more despicable offences than working on the hopes and fears of people who are vulnerable, sick or troubled and need help. I have tried to remain unaffected by some of the nauseating blarney that has affected your evidence."

Stevenson was also ordered to pay £900 compensation.

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The end of flight 007: Explanation demanded as international anger grows

Pope shocked and the world outraged

Expressing International Reaction to the Korean jet disaster, the Pope yesterday sent a message of shock and "heartfelt condolences" to Koreans and the Archbishop of Seoul, Mgr Stephen Kim.

The telegram, in English, said: "Shocked by Thursday's tragedy involving a Korean commercial airplane, I send my heartfelt condolences to you and the Korean people at this time of intense sorrow."

I specially unite myself to the families and friends of the deceased and I ask Almighty God to strengthen and sustain them in their great loss.

Horror over the incident was reflected in government statements around the world.

● **SOUTH KOREA:** Seoul called on Moscow publicly to apologize and punish those responsible. Mr Lee Bum-Suk, the Foreign Minister, also announced that his country had cancelled plans to attend a Unesco meeting in Moscow next week as a protest over the incident.

He said that the "inhuman and barbaric act" of the Soviet Union must be condemned. "We further strongly demand a formal apology complete and adequate punishment for the perpetrators of this unlawful act."



Mr Lee: "Inhuman and barbaric act"

● **FRANCE:** A government spokesman expressed outrage and added: "Apart from the question of lack of safety for civil air transport there are also the national relations and respect for human life."

● **CHINA:** The Foreign Ministry expressed China's "indignation and regrets."

● **AUSTRALIA:** Mr Bob Hawke, the Prime Minister, said that he was "absolutely appalled" by the incident which he called barbaric.

● **JAPAN:** The Foreign Ministry demanded that the Soviet Union immediately begin rescue operations and keep Japan and other nations informed of them.

● **NORWAY:** Mr Kaare Willoch, the Prime Minister, said an "uncomprehensible tragedy" had taken place.

● **WEST GERMANY:** The attack was an "inconceivable act of unsurpassed brutality," the Government said.

● **BELGIUM:** "The Belgian Government does not understand to which security interests the Soviet Union can give so much importance to justify the cold-blooded sacrifice of 269 human lives to defend them."

● **NEW ZEALAND:** The Government condemned the action as a "cold-blooded and barbaric act of international lawlessness."

● **CANADA:** Mr Jean-Luc Pepin, the Minister of State for External Relations, expressed "disappointment, concern and even anger," but added: "We have to be temperate to a certain extent."

● **PORTUGAL:** Senhor Mario Soares, the Prime Minister, said his Government was deeply shocked.

● **STOCKHOLM:** Mr Olof Palme, Sweden's Prime Minister, condemned the incident, but said later in an interview that it did not lessen his commitment to narrowing the gap between East and West. Leading article, page 7



Transatlantic protests: The same theme of anger voiced in Washington, left, and outside the Soviet Embassy in London (Photograph: Suresh Karadia)

Americans clamour for retaliation

From Nicholas Ashford Washington

The apparent shooting down of the Korean airliner by a Soviet fighter has produced a chorus of condemnation by American political leaders and a clamour for retaliatory action against the Soviet Union.

Describing the incident as barbarous, despicable and cold blooded murder, Congressmen have urged the Reagan Administration to take punitive measures against Moscow.

The most far-reaching demands have come from a coalition of conservative Congressmen who, angered by the loss of one of their leaders, Representative Lawrence McDonald, chairman of the John Birch Society, see the tragedy as an opportunity to press the Administration into reducing US-Soviet ties to the bare minimum.

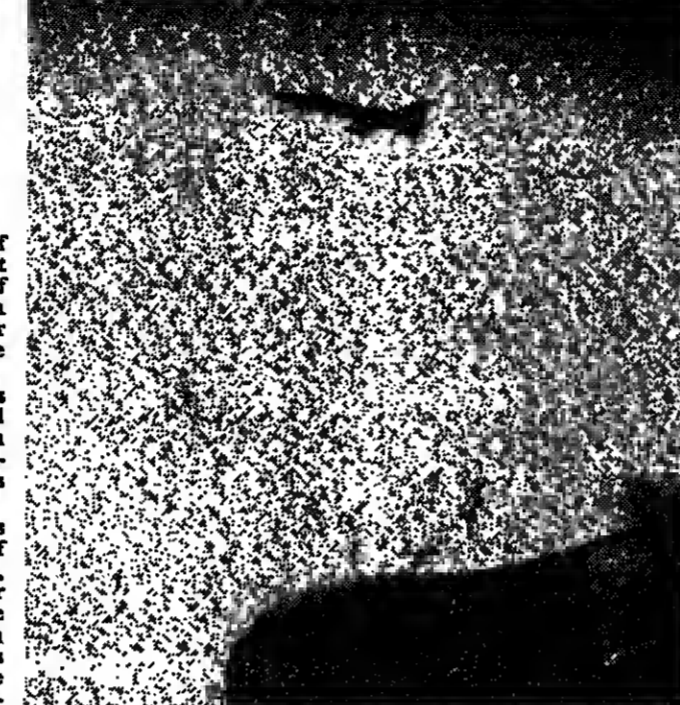
They have called for the cancelling of the recently concluded long-term grain deal with the Soviet Union and the sale of American pipe-laying equipment for the Siberian gas pipeline; the suspension of the two rounds of Geneva arms talks; the termination of most trade, communications and cultural links; expulsion of Soviet diplomats and the recall of the US ambassador from Moscow.

Even moderate members of Congress, such as Senator Edward Kennedy, have called on Western nations to show their displeasure by suspending all commercial flights to the Soviet Union.

Behind this clamour, however, some powerful voices have been heard urging a calmer approach. Senator Howard Baker, the Senate Majority Leader, emphasized that, despite the "reprehensible" incident, the US "still has an obligation to continue the dialogue with the Soviet Union in the quest for peace."

Mr James Wright, Majority Leader in the House, added: "We need to approach this with clear eyes and cool heads and know exactly what happened before we respond."

There are important questions which still have to be answered before the Reagan Administration can decide how tough a response it should make. For example: how and why did the Korean aircraft stray so far into Soviet airspace and why did it not call for help.



1978 flashback: A Russian Sakhal 15 fighter photographed from a Korean Airlines Boeing 707 over the Soviet Union before the fighter opened fire and forced it to land at Mirmansk. The Russians claimed it had violated their airspace

using international distress signals. But the key question is: At what level within the Soviet hierarchy was the decision taken to shoot down the airliner? By a local commander on Sakhalin Island, by a senior officer in Vladivostok, headquarters of the Soviet Pacific fleet, or by the Kremlin?

If the order to shoot was taken

Attacker was MiG, Japanese insist

Tokyo (AFP) - General Shigeru Moroyama, head of the Japanese Air Force, yesterday insisted that the KAL Boeing had been attacked by a MiG23, despite the claim by American military intelligence experts that the aircraft was a Sakhal SU15.

Sources suggested that Japanese radar may have detected that the Soviet aircraft flew longer than an SU15 can do without refuelling.

In Moscow, and some US officials appear to believe it was, this raises questions about why the Soviet Union should have decided on a course of action which was bound to have vast international repercussions.

Disaster happened on one of the busiest air routes

By Our Business Staff

The Pacific Ocean air corridor on which the doomed airliner was bound is, second only to the North Atlantic routes, the world's busiest, a spokesman for the International Air Transport Association (IATA) said at its Geneva headquarters yesterday.

"There must be 20 jumbos a day flying in either direction on the Tokyo-Seoul leg," he said.

The association is stunned that a civilian airliner could have been shot down. It cannot believe the 747 could have got so far off course without the crew realizing it and that contact procedures between civilian and military planes, revised only in the last year and agreed by the Russians, could have failed so disastrously.

Although the airline is not among IATA's 120 members it has at least 100 connections and is aware of all standard procedures.

With a total of 42 aircraft - including 14 747s, five DC10s, eight European Airbus A300s, seven much older 707s and five 727s - it is the second largest carrier, after Japan Airlines, based in the Far East.

An aviation specialist in the area said yesterday: "KAL is not among the first-tier airlines, especially as far as in-flight service is concerned. But the servicing and maintenance of a jumbo jet is so routine these days that it is almost inconceivable that everything vital to its

positioning could have malfunctioned so badly."

Although the jumbo involved was 11 years old, the three inertial navigational aids provide a backup system which should have enabled the plane to stay on more than "a couple of metres off course," according to IATA.

Pilots normally fly along the middle of the chosen flight path and, said IATA, that means it must have been at least 80 nautical miles astray.

The most likely error is that the flight plan put into the in-flight computer before takeoff from New York had been wrongly programmed.

Another possible cause could have been decompression on the flightdeck, which would have affected the crew's ability to handle the plane.

What then happened, IATA is asking, to the inter-governmental International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) procedure laid down for such an incident?

Because military and civil aircraft operate on different radio frequencies, they would not have been able to talk to each other. "But according to the Americans, there was a period of 2½ hours during which the fighters were buzzing around the plane," said IATA. They could have talked via military and civilian air traffic controllers on the ground.

British insurers are liable for up to \$312m claims

By Our Business News Staff

British insurers are liable for up to \$312m (£208m) worth of any insurance claims resulting from the Korean Airlines disaster. Lloyd's of London said yesterday that 75 per cent of the insurance under the policy taken out by KAL had been reinsured on the London market.

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Russians warned pilot of 'right to shoot'

By John Lawless

The pilot of the Korean Airlines plane was, in fact, served with a notice by the Soviet authorities before he took off on Wednesday's doomed flight. He was told they reserved the right to shoot down his aircraft if it strayed close to their highly-secure military base of Sakhalin Island.

A spokesman for the International Air Transport Association (IATA) said yesterday that the pilot had been given what is called in the aviation business a "Notice".

"This is a Notice to Airman," the spokesman said, "which is routinely put out by governments to cover sensitive areas, to warn pilots when and where military exercises are taking place, and also in the case of permanently off-limit areas."

Sakhalin Island, part of the Soviet Far Eastern air defence network, falls exactly into the final category.

"We have investigated the Notam issued in this case," IATA added. "To paraphrase it almost exactly, it specifies that the

Soviet Union reserves the right to use any means to preserve the integrity of the area."

This almost certainly means lawyers yesterday agreed, that the Russians were perfectly within their legal rights to shoot down the Boeing 747.

"You can never say that anyone is entitled to kill another 269 human beings," said IATA. "But the Soviet Union has followed the standard recognized procedure and, leaving aside the humanitarian and moral case, they have a pretty sound case in law."

The only three other cases in the past 15 years in which military aircraft have shot down civilian airliners also included a Korean flight that went into Soviet airspace. It involved a Boeing 707 in the northern polar region. Two people were killed by rockets in that incident.

The others occurred in the Middle East, when the Israelis shot down a Libyan jet in 1973, and when an Arab fighter brought down an El Al plane about three years afterwards.

24 hours of calm in Beirut

France may host peace conference

From Robert Fish Beirut

As a new American amphibious task force steamed towards Lebanon on the orders of President Reagan yesterday, French diplomats were trying to persuade President Amin Gemayel to call a meeting of all Lebanese opposition leaders before the Lebanese army advances into the Chouf Mountains east of the capital.

Lebanese press reports suggested that France was preparing to host such a conference on board its aircraft carrier "Foch", which is also on its way to the eastern Mediterranean, in the hope that a new national coalition government could be formed.

His view on the change of Prime Minister in Israel was that the substitution of one person for another at the top was of little significance while policies continued unchanged. He praised the courage of progressive Jewish forces, inside and outside Israel, working for an accommodation with the Palestinians.

In addition to criticizing United States policy, he said the Arabs were tired of mere lip-service from western Europe. Asked about divisions in the PLO, he said it was not the first time they had faced difficulties.

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French deny bombing Chad rebels

From Diane Geddes Paris

The French Defence Ministry last night denied a claim by the Libyan backed rebel forces in Chad that French aircraft had bombed the rebel held town of Oum Chaloub in the north, close to the "red line" that divides the rebel occupied north from the Government held south.

Jaguar fighter bombers, flown by French pilots, had been involved in training missions over territory in the southern sector, but had not ventured over rebel held territory, nor engaged in any fighting, the ministry said.

Chad government officials in Ndjamena claimed early yesterday that government forces had been pushed by about 3,000 rebel troops, near Oum Chaloub, but that the attack had been repulsed.

Soon after the rebels, led by Mr Goukouni Oueddei put out a statement claiming that French Jaguars had bombed rebel held positions at Oum Chaloub during a "provocative attack" by French backed forces.

According to informed sources here, the battle between the Government and rebel forces - the first for nearly a month - took place in the no-man's land between Oum Chaloub and Arada, the first town south of the "red line", where French troops are stationed.

Arafat accepts UN negotiating role

From Alan McGregor Geneva

Mr Yasser Arafat said yesterday he was willing to cooperate with the United Nations to achieve a just Middle East solution.

He told the UN International Conference on Palestine that he favoured a new high-level meeting with both superpowers involved.

As far as the Palestine Liberation Organization was concerned, this had to be on the basis of the right to self-determination, and national independence.

He was asked if the PLO was prepared to accept Security Council Resolution 242, providing a guarantee of Israel's security within its pre-1967 borders. He replied: "Sixty per cent of my people are refugees, 40

Rain dampens zeal of peace protesters

From Michael Binyon, Bonn

The traditional Nato autumn exercises involving some 250,000 soldiers in Germany and other West European countries were opened yesterday in Ramstein by General Bernard Rogers, the Nato Supreme Commander, as German peace demonstrators kept up their blockade of American bases elsewhere.

Referring indirectly to the protest action at Mundingen, in southern Germany, and to the blockade that began yesterday at the air base at Bitburg, General Rogers said the soldiers from the 13 Nato countries involved had clear instructions to avoid any confrontation with demonstrators.

Meanwhile, after a night of

Heseltine puts in word for Tornado

From Mario Modiano Athens

In a last-minute attempt to sway the Greek choice of new-generation combat aircraft in favour of the British-German-Italian Tornado, Mr Michael Heseltine, the Defence Secretary, paid a 20-hour visit to Athens yesterday. He met Mr Andreas Papanastasiou, the Greek Prime Minister, who is also Defence Minister.

It is largely on Mr Papanastasiou that the ultimate political decision rests about the aircraft Greece intends to order for its air force for the next two decades. Hence would like to buy between 100 and 120 warplanes worth between £1.4 billion and £2 billion.

Four rival aircraft manufacturers - two American and two European - are competing to improve the terms of their final offers.

The British visit was clearly an effort to offer any advantages gained by Mr Charles Heron, the French Defence Minister, who saw Mr Papanastasiou in July in the informality of a private holiday in Corfu, to promote the Mirage 2000.

There are strong indications that Mr Heron, whether because of lower prices, better credit terms, or even sheer socialist kinship, was more persuasive.

An authoritative source revealed that the Greeks are keen to buy inexpensive American F16C fighters from General Dynamics and, against strong objections from the Greek Air Force, the Mirage 2000, possibly on a 60-to-40 ratio.

The same source said the Tornado and the F18 Hornet of McDonnell-Douglas were too expensive.

Obviously Mr Heseltine was to sign with the Greeks a memorandum of understanding on cooperation in the field of defence equipment.

Holy war against Zia demanded

Karachi (Reuters) - A prominent opponent of President Zia-ul-Haq of Pakistan appealed in a taped message released yesterday for a "holy war" against the country's government by martial law.

Mr Ghulam Mustafa Jatoi, leader of the Pakistan People's Party (PPP) in the troubled Sindh province, called on Pakistanis to tie burial cloths around their heads and join the protests for democracy which started 20 days ago. A Muslim who ties a burial cloth over his head is indicating that he is ready to die for a cause.

Mr Jatoi, who was arrested early in the campaign launched by the eight-party Movement for the Restoration of Democracy, said the opposition wanted President Zia's resignation, an end to martial law and a general election.

Members of the PPP, founded by executed prime minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, said the tape, which was smuggled from the government rest house where Mr Jatoi is under house arrest, would be copied for playing at protests across Pakistan.

Challenger moves so smoothly to lower orbit

Kennedy Space Centre (Reuters)

The crew of the space shuttle Challenger pressed the halfway point of their six-day mission yesterday by moving the spacecraft into a lower earth orbit and again testing its mechanical arm.

Challenger has been manoeuvred from an orbit 184 miles above the Earth to a more circular one at 139 miles to conduct an experiment on the interaction of oxygen with other materials at lower altitudes.

The manoeuvres "went with absolutely no problems, very smooth," a spokesman said, and tests of a new \$60m data relay satellite went better than yesterday, when ground computer systems frequently disrupted transmissions.

Students honour Mandela

Durban (AP) - Nelson Mandela, the jailed African National Congress leader, was honoured by students for the chancellorship of the University of Natal. He has accepted the nomination.

Mr Mandela, aged 55, imprisoned since 1963 for sabotage, is still widely regarded as the nation's most important black leader. Alan Paton, the author, withdrew after Mr Mandela agreed to be a candidate.

British girl foils rapist

Avellino (Reuters) - Genesio Villani, aged 34, an Italian sex-worker, has been sentenced to six years' jail for the attempted rape of a 19-year-old English student last month.

The student told the court that Villani invited her and a three-year-old child to a cafe, threatened her with an axe and tried to rape her. She fought him off and escaped with the child.

Ban for ban

Taipei (AFP) - Taiwan is to suspend Philippine Airlines landing rights in Taipei in retaliation for the Philippines' suspension of the Taiwan airline's landing rights in Manila. Manila acted after the Taiwan airline carried as a passenger Senor Benigno Aquino, who was assassinated at Manila airport on arrival.

No-go soldier

Karlsruhe (Reuters) - Yuri Vashchenko, aged 19, the Soviet soldier who escaped from Swiss Interment and asked unsuccessfully for asylum in West Germany, has refused to return. He was one of eight soldiers held in Switzerland after capture by Afghan guerrillas.

Tough at top

Prague (AP) - Mr Lubomir Strougal, the Prime Minister of Czechoslovakia has introduced a new get-tough policy towards high-level economic managers and executives in an attempt to improve industrial performance and discipline.

Boxer critical

Los Angeles (Reuters) - Francisco "Kiko" Bejines of Mexico was in a critical condition last night after being knocked out by Alberto Davila, an American, in a world bantamweight boxing title bout.

Paper out again

Istanbul (AP) - Turkey has lifted a ban on its leading conservative newspaper, Terzihan after a 23-day closure prompted by editorial criticism of the military government.

Pupils whipped

Johannesburg (AFP) - Police fired tear gas and rubber bullets then used whips to disperse about 800 pupils boycotting classes, in a protest against the school principal, whom they accused of being a bully.

Vanishing lion

New York (Reuters) - A 3ft bronze lion which has faced Washington Square Park in Greenwich Village for 100 years has been stolen. The concrete pedestal was intact.

£3.5m food aid

Rome (AP) - The world food programme is to send £3.5m worth of food to victims of drought and other calamities in Ghana, Mauritania, Indonesia and Sri Lanka.

Ordered out

The Hague (AP) - The Netherlands has declared a Romanian diplomat persona non grata and ordered him to leave but the Foreign Ministry has refused to disclose his name or the circumstances.

Sri Lanka politician shot

Colombo (AFP - censored) - A ruling politician and a youth thought to be Tamil have been injured in a new outbreak of violence in east and north Sri Lanka in the past two days, after anti-Tamil riots a month ago, official sources said yesterday.

The United National Party (UNP) politician was shot dead while asleep at his home in the eastern town of Batticaloa, where ethnic violence was reported last weekend, by an unidentified youth in "some kind of military uniform".

In another incident north of Batticaloa, another person, believed to be a UNP supporter, was shot at and

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Man in the news: Yitzhak Shamir

Mild-mannered leader with will of steel

From Christopher Walker, Jerusalem
The vote of the Herut Party to select Mr Yitzhak Shamir as the man most likely to become the seventh Prime Minister of Israel has dashed any hopes that the departure of Mr Menachem Begin might lead to a more flexible approach to the Middle East crisis.



Winning smile: Mr Shamir after gaining overwhelming Herut Party backing to succeed Mr Begin

Speaker in 1977. Although regarded as having performed competently if without a great deal of flair as Foreign Minister, he was widely criticized for his conduct during the Lebanon war.

US cargo plane missing in Angola

By Richard Dowden
An American Hercules aircraft carrying diesel fuel to Angola's diamond mines disappeared last Saturday as it prepared to land deep inside Angola. One theory is that it was shot down by Unita guerrillas.

Letter from Banjul
Turning a shotgun wedding into union

The fast bowler's every delivery sends a flash of dust into the air, to drift slowly away in the hot afternoon as spectators lounge around the ground which is this town's main square. On Independence Day, or other special occasions, Sir Dawda Jawara, Gambia's President, will displace the cricketers to review a parade of schoolchildren or welcome a head of state.

Ups and downs of two European leaders
Boost for Mitterrand image

From Diana Goldies
Paris
Public confidence in President Mitterrand and in his ability to solve France's difficulties has begun to rise for the first time since the introduction of the second austerity plan last March.

Child killer dies in gas chamber

Parchman, Mississippi (NYT) - Jimmy Lee Gray, convicted in 1976 of murdering a three-year-old girl after kidnapping and sodomizing her, was executed early yesterday in the gas chamber at the Mississippi State Penitentiary here. It was the first execution in the state in 19 years.

Andropov overture given warm welcome in China

Peking (AP) - In an important conciliatory statement, President Li Xiannian said yesterday that China welcomed the call by President Andropov of the Soviet Union for better Sino-Soviet relations, and sincerely hoped for normal ties after years of estrangement.

Senator Jackson dies at 71

Everett, Washington (AP) - Senator Henry Jackson died on Thursday night aged 71 after a heart attack. Senator Jackson, twice a candidate for the Democratic party's presidential nomination, was his party's senior member on the Senate armed services committee, and was third on the Senate seniority list. He entered the Senate in 1953 after serving in the House of Representatives for 12 years.

Relaxed Kohl accused of indecision

From Michael Binyon, Bonn
Criticism is growing in West Germany that Chancellor Helmut Kohl, who has enjoyed a long honeymoon since his election victory in March, is failing to show decisive leadership over the important political and economic issues.

Right to sing upheld

From Michael Hamlyn, Delhi
Mr Jatun Chakraborty, the minister in charge of the Public Works Department in West Bengal, had banned Mrs Uthup from appearing in any hall under his control, saying that her music was decadent.

Pope issues sharp reminder to Jesuits

The Pope celebrating Mass in Rome yesterday at the opening of the Jesuit general congregation, which is to elect a new Superior-General. On the extreme left is Father Paolo Dezza, acting head of the order, and on the extreme right Father Giuseppe Pittau, his assistant.

Guerrilla confesses to murder

From Lydia Chavez (New York Times)
San Salvador
A former student and member of the Popular Liberation Forces has confessed to the murder of a US adviser, Lieutenant-Commander Albert Schaufelberger, the Salvadoran police announced here.



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Acid test

On Monday the Royal Society will announce substantial funding from the National Coal Board and the Central Electricity Generating Board for research into the acid rain which is brightening northern Europe's lakes and forests.

Preserved thought

Frank Dunlop, who succeeds John Drummond as director of next year's Edinburgh Festival, was first associated with the event in the 1950s, when he was on the fringe with the Oxford Theatre Group.

Biting remark

Despite the above, Ralph Brereton, the Conservative leader of Edinburgh city council, finds Dunlop "a man who knows how to combine style and class with popular appeal".

Nerve-racking

Charles Copson, the British Council representative in Jakarta, who returned to his post in London before being brought to Edinburgh by a plane from Bali to the Edinburgh Festival, has made himself so popular with the Balinese that they have invited him back for a teeth-filing ceremony.

On the tiles

David Levy, the unsuccessful candidate for the succession to Menachem Begin, has long been a figure of fun in Israeli politics because of his Sephardi origins and lack of formal education.

Doodlebugged

I have got a rocket from John Bagley, curator of the aeronautical collection at the Science Museum, for suggesting, quite wrongly, that he had lost track of the museum's unexploded VI doodlebug.

British Telecom got a taste of its own medicine yesterday. There was a fault on the line between the Howland Street headquarters where the Merlin office automation division is housed.

Save this vanishing farm species

by Harry Kidd

The Government says it wants to reverse the sharp fall in the number of tenant farmers - from 380,000 in 1910 to fewer than 60,000 today.

long-term capital appreciation than in heavily taxed cuts, so rents paid by sitting tenants are generally little more than half those obtainable on the open market.

Grivo these factors, many landlords are reluctant to let because their land is worth more vacant than tenanted.

Under the NFU-CLA proposals which form the basis of the new Bill, security of tenure for new tenants would be reduced to 100 years.

The Church Commissioners, Oxford and Cambridge colleges and other charities which are some of the best-known landlords, say that the reduction of security of tenure will make little or no difference until the existing three-generation system works itself out well in the next century.

Those who do let are more interested in the tax-free charities or pension funds, who also own large acreages of farmland.

We are left with the new rent formula. This breaks away from market value.

It also says that account should be taken of the roots of comparable farms, but deducting any element of scarcity value.

The effect, inevitably, will be to depress rents and increase the vacant possession premium. Owners who get possession will be further encouraged to sell or put in a manager, but no account to let. Tenants will become an even faster diminishing band.

The author is Steward of the Manors of St John's College, Oxford, and secretary of the Association of Land-owning Charities.

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Peter Nichols

Tracing Orwell to the source

Nineteen eighty-four is almost upon us. Only 120 appraising days to go and a dense throng of reviewers, assessors, presenters and hacks is massed at the starting line like the entry for a marathon.

Undertook to handle the problem of the widow Sonia, known to be a cantankerous keeper of the flame. In due course, she gave her permission and I began reading all I could find by and about the man she had married three months before his death of tuberculosis in 1950.

The more I read, the more my respect for him grew, especially as an essayist. The early novels are patchy and I began reading all I could find by and about the man she had married three months before his death of tuberculosis in 1950.

So what did he mean to say in 1984? We had better trust his statement in an American trade unionist, a quick corrective to the whoops of joy with which the book had been greeted by right-wing Republicans.

Given that it's a satire and an extrapolation of post-war Britain (1984-1988), and not a prophecy at all, what does it mean to say that the book is right?

He would be surprised by a woman prime minister and might admire her qualities, especially those he shared, such as belligerence. He would not take kindly to her philistine pep talks, her doses of nasty medicine or her anger at the cotnam of another voice.

So that is what I compiled - a sedulous anthology, designed to show his growth from boy to man, with no word of mine or critical judgment to interfere. Even a description of his physical appearance - used only in a stage direction - was taken from George Woodcock's *The Crystal Spirit*.

Just as well, I think. He deserves a more sceptical approach - and has since got it in such books as *The*

Clifford Longley looks behind the latest evangelical campaign



A sense of theatre, a sense of timing: Dr Luis Palau on the eve of his London crusade

Born again, the ballyhoo battle for Britain

A public rally in Trafalgar Square today will mark the beginning of a vast campaign to persuade London to be "born again."

The men in front will be the two superstars of the international evangelistic circuit, Dr Billy Graham and Dr Luis Palau. It is Palau who will address the masses in Trafalgar Square.

His association with Montt seems to have left its scars. Human rights abuses certainly continued in Guatemala after the general's appointment, and Dr Palau was sometimes challenged on this point, as if he were to blame. He would reply that Guatemala was "no picnic", that things were getting better all the time, and that the enemies of the state were atheists.

Luis Palau, the less well known of the two, is an Anglo-Argentine whose success so far has been on the other side of the Atlantic, in the United States and Latin America. Protestant evangelists from the US have always made Latin America one of their prime concerns, sometimes with questionable results.

discovered by American evangelists, trained in Oregon, and, until he started his own operation in 1978, they raised the money to finance him.

It was his triumphs in Guatemala which brought him international notice. His London office circulates pages of "crusade statistics" showing the gradual rise of his star from 18,000 "attendances" in Huancayo, Peru in 1967 to 828,000 in Guatemala City in 1982.

Not long before Montt was deposed this summer, Dr Palau said: "I see an orchestration of propaganda around the world. And I have a good feeling that I know where it is coming from. It is not my position right now to say it. But I think that it is a political campaign coming under the guise of religion."

He added: "It would be the saddest day for Guatemala in many a century, if the government of Rios Montt should fall under false pretences. I have already been praying and weeping with my fellow team members at the possible repercussions for many beloved Christians, and our beloved Christian leader in the country, if this should happen."

support it can attract in the evangelical churches in London. The claim is that a thousand congregations have already committed themselves, but the depth of commitment is yet to be tested.

Meanwhile Dr Graham has been complaining that next year's work-load set for him outside London is too heavy. He was in any case, it seems, a little reluctant to undertake a fresh campaign in England, and Dr Palau was chosen by the London committee when it appeared that the more famous of the two would turn an invitation down.

The London campaign will not be financed with funds raised in the US, it is said. The total estimated cost of nearly £2m will have to come from individual donations. There are some wealthy businessmen connected with the organizing committee, such as Sir Maurice Laing of the building company, Mr David Pickford of Haslemere Estates, and Sir Kenneth Cork, former Lord Mayor of London.

The Luis Palau Mission to London also has the services of Mr Harvey Thomas in charge of its media office. He works for Conservative Central Office, where his duties include the annual party conference arrangements and the servicing of the party's committee against unilateral nuclear disarmament.

Whatever the outcome, these modern crusaders know just how difficult success will be. In a special pre-crusade poll by Gallup, London in particular emerged as highly unpromising territory. Dr Tom Houston of the Bible Society, one of Dr Palau's associates, declared that Londoners were "hardened against God", and the hardest hearts of all were in the 16-20 age group, usually fertile material for evangelists.

Indeed the dishes so much resemble early sketches of my own memories of these places that I felt gloriously threatened. I had only to look at a mansion on a sauce-boat to feel I was living there in pre-Victorian luxury, but also eating richly off it throughout the nineteenth century, while now, sadly hunched by a log fire regarding it merely as culture.

At the outset the history of this magnificent earthenware made sad reading. Nine hundred and fifty-two pieces, decorated with 1,244 views of England at its classical apogee, had left Stolze-on-Trent in 1774 on a voyage to St Petersburg, then vanished into the silences of Russia for the better part of a century and a half.

Enter the hero in quest of a mystery. Early in the 1900s a Dr G. C. Williamson, art historian and travel-writer, bought a Queen Anne house in Hampstead. Convinced that some past master must have pictured it - he wanted to hang his new home on its own walls - he discovered on local antiquaries that no fewer than 27 versions of the Hampstead area existed on plates. These were identified as the imperial Russian Dinner Service.

A facelift for America's most famous lady

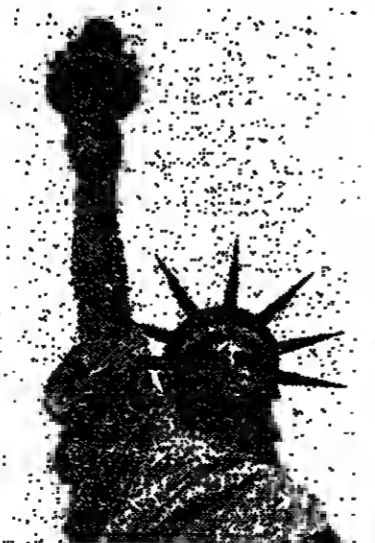
New York America's colossal first lady, the 151ft Statue of Liberty, is to have a £20m facelift, beauty treatment and overhaul, from the frame of her Torch of Enlightenment in the broken manacles around her feet.

Scaffolding goes up next month and engineers will set to work in restore her rusty bones, buckled bodywork, weak right arm, corroded crown, decaying torch and lame scarred and pitted integument. Americans are now saving to buy her a new dress so that she will be as good as new for her one hundredth birthday in 1986.

Her copper skin and iron framework have been damaged by atmospheric pollution, now known as acid rain, and the buffeting of storms.

The drive to raise funds for the restoration is an echo of the campaign a century ago to drum up the money for the massive concrete plinth on which the statue stands at the entrance to New York harbour. The Americans then were reluctant, and the money had to be wrung from them. In time, of course, Liberty was to become much loved, a source of pride, the most powerful American symbol, more potent than the Stars and Stripes. It was the first sight that millions of immigrants had of the New World and its special place in American affections.

But in the 1880s the public was unenthusiastic about having to pay more than \$300,000 for a platform for an unsolicited giant statue, a gift from the French. Some gift, people



Unwanted at first, now a national emblem

grumbled, that costs us a fortune to put up! Congress dragged its feet in approving a site, and the United States began to look mean.

In the end, Joseph Pulitzer, the newspaper proprietor, shamed America into paying for the plinth and installing the colossus with full honours. He ran a campaign in his *New York World*, and started by

attacking the rich for failing to contribute. This was good stuff in a popular newspaper, but Pulitzer was also shrewd enough to publish the names of contributors to the statue fund, however small the donation.

Liberty, the masterpiece of sculptor Frederic-Auguste Bartholdi and engineer Gustave Eiffel, was unveiled on October 28, 1886. Its face, incidentally, is that of M. Bartholdi's mother.

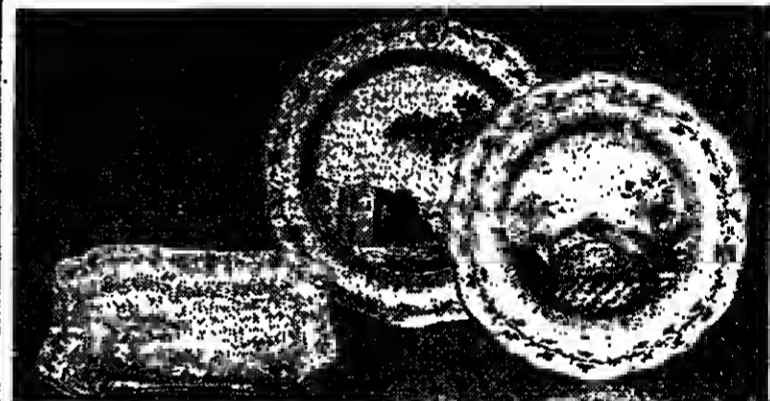
Having been saved from looking stony, Americans acclaimed the statue and made it very much their own. Emma Lazarus crystallized the growing feeling about it in her poem, the new colossus, which is inscribed on the plinth:

"Keep, ancient lands, your storied pomp! / With silent lips, Give me your tired, your poor, / Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free."

It was not long before the statue became a dramatic American motif, its image employed on posters to raise money for war bonds and to stir patriotism. It was soon used, too, in advertising for all manner of commercial products and political and social causes. Poor M. Bartholdi had hoped to make some money from royalties on miniatures of his statue, but he struck a bad deal with a cunning manufacturer and made little.

Liberty's transformation into an American symbol, and the subsequent use of her image, is a long way from the intentions of her original French

David Hughes



Stylish survivors: some of the trial pieces made by Josiah Wedgwood for his dinner service for Empress Catherine of Russia

On a plate, the taste of a graceful era

Few pleasures compare with setting out on a quest or sharing someone else's. I was wintering in a friend's cottage in Sussex. Snow muffled the cottage in a hush of bright whiteness. The setting was perfect for vicarious adventure, and my hand fell unerringly on a catalogue, published in a limited edition in 1909, of a dinner service made by Wedgwood in 1774.

Within minutes I was in the presence of a treasure hunt that led to one of the forgotten masterpieces of western art. The illustrations in the book were not only of plates, but of serving dishes, glaziers, soup ladies, cream pots. On each of them was painted, in not bad imitation of the best of homely water-colour, a different scene. Each dish related a facet of eighteenth-century England. Here was Glastonbury looking mystical a couple of centuries ago, Westminster Bridge before Wordsworth saw it, Hampstead with scarcely a house in sight. It had the air of an England we all mourn.

Indeed the dishes so much resemble early sketches of my own memories of these places that I felt gloriously threatened. I had only to look at a mansion on a sauce-boat to feel I was living there in pre-Victorian luxury, but also eating richly off it throughout the nineteenth century, while now, sadly hunched by a log fire regarding it merely as culture.

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Indeed I have been excited by the dinner service ever since. Who can resist the thought that just of a quest duly accomplished, but of people in fancy dress nibbling and chattering over, scraping their knives on, stirring borish out of, and totally ignoring under their noses one of the most civilized areas in the story of man? It makes a meal of irony somehow, that first time we exported our culture, whole, only to have it hidden away in cupboards.

only wish the Kaiser had commissioned Wedgwoods to make a similar service, featuring the long golden Edwardian afternoon, just before the Great War. What fan we could have had with the metaphor! The Imperial German Dinner Service, a novel by David Hughes, is published by Constable on Monday at £6.50.

Trevor Fishlock

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TRUST SHOT DOWN

The shock, outrage and revolution registered around the world at the deliberate destruction of a civilian aircraft which strayed over Soviet territory have caused a marked deterioration in East-West relations. Horror at the scale of the disaster, sympathy for the bereaved, and anger against those responsible have fused in a general determination that such a catastrophe should not happen again. The incident exhibits all that is worst in the Soviet system: the morbid paranoia, untruthfulness, obsessive secrecy, and brutal disregard for human suffering resulting from the pursuit of political aims of doubtful value.

Was it all a terrible mistake? The inevitable outcome of the international tensions which place deadly weapons in the hands of inexperienced young pilots so afraid of not fulfilling their duty that they go far beyond what is required? No: the evidence supplied by Washington and Tokyo based on careful monitoring of communications between Soviet aircraft and ground control shows that this was not some crime by a solitary fool or madman. The United States will surely substantiate these accusations, which already seem to be confirmed by the reluctance of the Soviet authorities to collaborate in establishing the full truth. Their claim of CIA involvement in the hacked response in an attempt to divert responsibility.

It is generally agreed that Korean Airlines (KAL) Flight 007 crashed with the loss of 269 lives on the night of 31 August to 1 September after straying several hundred miles into Soviet airspace over the highly sensitive military installations on Sakhalin island. That it displayed no hostile intent is tacitly admitted in the brief and unsatisfactory Tass report which stated that Soviet fighters tried to assist the "intruder" to land at the nearest airfield. Unsubstantiated claims by Moscow of possible spying missions by civilian aircraft - unlikely with the availability of high-quality satellite photography - provide no vestige of excuse for risking the lives of passengers by firing bullets, let alone missiles, to force a landing on an airstrip unsuited for an aeroplane of this size.

The original Tass statement failed to clarify what measures were taken by the Soviet interceptors to compel KAL 007 to land; yet internationally recognized procedures exist for just such occasions. The Korean Boeing 747 appeared to have

radio problems, but this is no explanation since an interceptor is expected to establish visual contact, showing that the intruder is to make a landing; there are procedures for darkness as well as daylight. If the message is still not clear, the fighter can fly alongside and fire a short burst of machine-gun fire ahead, without any risk to life.

The most damning indictment is that the airliner was tracked for more than two hours without any attempt by Moscow to contact the countries or airlines most likely to have an aircraft in difficulty in this particular area. The United States and Japanese authorities should likewise explain in detail what steps they took to contact Moscow when they became aware of the aircraft's plight. Modern communications are such that total failure to establish contact to discuss procedures in this emergency is likely to have arisen from human, rather than technological shortcomings.

Even without the full facts being known it is reasonable to draw certain conclusions. The Soviet leaders' refusal to admit immediately that a civilian aircraft had been destroyed by their fighters would argue that they too realize that protecting military secrets in peacetime could never excuse such a crime. In February 1973 Moscow condemned as a "monstrous crime" the shooting down by Israeli fighters of a Libyan Boeing 727 which strayed over sensitive military installations at a time of high tension between Israel and the Arab countries. Mrs Golda Meir, the Israeli Prime Minister, immediately expressed her deep sorrow at the heavy loss of life while not, however, regretting the action Israel took. None the less, the nearest relatives of the deceased were brought to Israel at the state's expense and other attempts were made to show official regret. Despite the extenuating circumstances, this deliberate downing of an airliner with the loss of over seventy lives was rightly denounced both within Israel and abroad - a public pressure to which the democratic Israeli government had to respond with genuine efforts to exclude any repetition should similar circumstances again arise.

In the USSR, however there are no such public pressures to conform to the norms of civilized behaviour. Attacking airliners which for some reason have violated Soviet airspace and forcing them down, regardless of the threat to life, has clearly become established policy; there

are several documented cases. The most relevant was the shooting down of a Korean Airline Boeing 707 which in April 1978 strayed off the normal route from Paris to Seoul; after flying over the military installations around Murnansk it was forced to land on a frozen lake in Soviet Karelia, north of Leningrad. Only luck and the pilot's skill prevented great loss of life; as it was, two passengers were killed by the bullets of the Soviet interceptor. The USSR was not prepared to cooperate in an investigation which might have helped to avoid this latest disaster. The authorities retained the flight recorder in the USSR rather than making it immediately available to an international commission of inquiry.

The lack of effective international communication in such emergencies must clearly be rectified. Further progress in navigational aids can be expected, but faults will still occur in all equipment, including the technology controlling the launching of missiles. The "hot-line" has been improved, but the will to consult before taking such drastic action is sadly lacking.

Unless Moscow moves quickly to explain this outrage and show willingness to participate in international agreements to avoid its repetition the East-West meeting planned for next week in Madrid will have little point.

The United States' administration is under strong public pressure to retaliate. It may be compelled to make a punitive gesture of some sort. But it is better to avoid over-reaction in the heat of the moment. Any attempt to impose sanctions should be based on the cool appraisal of Soviet realities and of the constant factors in Soviet policies, and not initiated on impulse just because another demonstration of Soviet ruthlessness concentrates public opinion on the need to act.

Arms control talks must continue, since an even higher interest is involved. But if the Soviet Union continues to brazen out its part in the affair, the question of trust and verifiability must arise, making it impossible for negotiators to move beyond their suspicions of the malevolence of Soviet intentions. The attack which destroyed 269 lives was destructive also of trust. It can be repaired only by the Soviet leaders admitting their part in this tragedy and accepting due responsibility.

NO CAUSE FOR RELAXATION

Nearly all the well-known forecasting groups expect unemployment to rise over the next few years. Almost no one believes that, while the present Government is in power and remains committed to monetary restraint, unemployment can decline by significant amounts. The conflict between a sound money policy and an improvement in labour market conditions is widely thought to be absolute.

But the August unemployment figures give some reasons for questioning the conventional wisdom. When allowance is made for the numerous reclassifications and revisions that have been made to the statistics, there was an underlying fall in the unemployment total of 7,000. This follows a rise of 10,000 in July and 27,000 in June. The average monthly increase in 1982 was also 27,000. The better trend is confirmed by the vacancies figures. The number of vacancies last month was 162,000, over 40 per cent higher than a year earlier.

None of this should be an occasion for trumpet-blowing. The employment situation is bad and it will remain bad for many months to come. It has merely stopped getting worse. But the news is important because it challenges the widely held belief that monetary control cannot be reconciled with economic recovery and a strengthening demand for labour. The Government must feel very pleased.

Indeed, there is a possibility that the emphasis in economic policy will shift. As the output and employment figures become better over the next year or two, ministers will feel tempted to

highlight the improvements in these areas and neglect their financial targets. It is already being suggested that, if the task of Mrs Thatcher's first term was to reduce inflation, the task of the second is to generate a supply-side miracle with high rates of economic growth.

The Government must ignore this kind of talk. Its overriding priority is and must continue to be the restoration of price stability. The rationale for its approach to the economy has always been that, in the long run, there is no trade-off between inflation and unemployment. Indeed, it can be argued that price stability helps the smooth working of the labour market because it removes the disagreements about prospective inflation which so confuse and embitter wage bargaining. Treasury ministers must not lapse back into the old-fashioned and discredited 1960s-style rhetoric of "growthmanship", "demand deflation" and the like.

Paradoxically, the Government will best serve the cause of higher employment if its statements are unequivocal about the outlook for economic growth and unqualified in their commitment to eliminating inflation. By far the hardest part of its original programme was to persuade unions and employers that policy would not deviate from the central task of inflation control. Now that the credibility barrier has been broken, wage-bargainers both expect low inflation and reach low pay settlements. This more realistic mood encourages workers to price themselves back into jobs.

If Mrs Thatcher and her colleagues even hinted about the

desirability of more growth and a return to "full employment" (whatever that might mean), inflation expectations would immediately increase. Higher inflation expectations would worsen employment prospects by provoking extravagant wage claims. This is one of the rare cases in government where articulate pessimism is more benign in its eventual results than false optimism.

Some sceptics about Government policy regard the goal of price stability, endorsed in the Conservative election manifesto, as unrealistic and over-ambitious. They seem to think that we live in an inflationary world now and shall do for evermore. After forty years of continuously rising prices, the attitude is understandable enough. But other countries are already back to price stability. In the past six months consumer prices have barely risen in Germany and have actually dropped slightly in Japan.

It would undoubtedly require a major imaginative effort to think ourselves back into a condition where the value of money is the same today as it was last year and will still be the same in one year's or five years' time. But the consequent benefits - in terms of respect for government as well as the reduction of business uncertainty - would be very great.

Price stability must remain the ultimate objective. The August unemployment figures are a hopeful sign. But the Government must not allow them to sidetrack it into trading a little more inflation today for a little less unemployment tomorrow.

Supply and demand

From Mr R. M. J. Withers

Sir, Your August 22 leader on natural monopolies was marred by some apparently ill-considered observations on the Central Electricity Generating Board. For rival power stations to try and outbid each other on costs of supply to a national grid is indeed technically feasible but is not necessarily linked to ownership.

It has been practised within the CEBG for years. Whilst there may be scope for further encouragement of low-cost private supply to a national grid (e.g. as a by-product from process industries' back pressure sets), this source is unlikely to amount to the majority supply. For this purpose large-scale machinery has been found appropriate, but it is specific to supply undertakings around the world.

These large-scale capital-intensive power stations involve such long time spans of public consent to the type of operation, of construction and of financial return as to inhibit private development under present market conditions. Yours sincerely, JOHN WITHERS, The Barn, Maplewell Road, Woodhouse Eaves, Leicestershire.

Quality test for an export-led boom

From the Director General of the Institute of Export

Sir, The Institute of Export would go some way with Mr Bernard Dembo (September 1) in his comments about the difficulty of achieving an export-led boom. We would, however, part company when he says that to be competitive on specification, quality, delivery and price one must have volume of production.

The Institute observes that successful exporters achieve their results by being competitive in all the ways that Mr Dembo suggests, but above all by making specialized goods which particular customers require. Price then becomes a relative factor. If the goods or the service that you offer are of the right quality for their purpose and, as is often the case with potential producers in this country, the service or the goods are unique, then you can price for a profit even if the absolute amount may seem large.

We observe that despite all the difficulties which Mr Dembo enumerates a great many firms are still successful exporters of physical goods; moreover, they achieve these exports at a profit. They do this partly for the reasons I have already suggested, but also because they take great care in the detail of their operation at every point from design to the arrangements for transferring money and ensuring that it is credited at the earliest moment to their account in the UK.

Naturally, we notice particularly that those firms who follow the techniques which this Institute seeks to spread as widely as possible, limit their risks and increase their chances of profit.

Yours faithfully, DAVID N. ROYCE, Director General, The Institute of Export, World Trade Centre, E1, September 1.

Spending priorities

From Sir David Lane

Sir, Other readers, too, may have been disturbed today (August 24) by the contrast between (a) a television documentary on the "LifeLine to the Falklands", which made clear its astronomical cost, and (b) yet another report in your columns of the harmful effects of the financial squeeze on the National Health Service.

All of us admire the heroism, in their different ways, of the men who liberated and are now defending the Falklands and of the doctors, nurses and others who strive to maintain standards in the NHS (and for whom my wife has recently had cause to be grateful). Yet are we not in danger of getting our spending priorities wrong?

In the forthcoming public expenditure review one must hope that Mr Norman Fowler and Mr Kenneth Clarke will stand firm against any further Treasury pressure for cuts in the NHS, and that other ministers will support them. It must surely be possible to keep total public expenditure under control, including an adequate share for defence, without subjecting to still greater strain a service which is used and appreciated by the great majority of the people.

Off-beat music

From Sir Michael Tippett, CH

Sir, I see from the brochure of events at the Barbican in September that the only performances there of music that is off the beaten track or contemporary are given by schools orchestras and young children.

The music teachers concerned deserve praise and encouragement for their enterprise. For at this time they are working under the constant threat of financial cutbacks and restrictions.

Clearly, our concert life and culture will be much impoverished if proper support and funding are not made for this vital part of the educational spectrum.

Yours faithfully, MICHAEL TIPPETT, As from: 48 Great Marlborough Street, W1, August 27.

Redundant church

From Sir John Summerson

Sir, H. S. Goodhart-Rendel, to whose threatened church of St Wilfrid, Brighton, Gavin Stamp draws conspicuous attention in your issue of August 29, was one of the most interesting architects of his time. He defied every trend of the thirties, studied the great Victorians when nobody else had a word to say for them and produced buildings which baffled his contemporaries and still challenge his critics by their originality and intellectual integrity.

In the present surge of "post-modern" experiment, when the first of these qualities is running very far ahead of the second, Goodhart-Rendel's work becomes powerfully relevant. St Wilfrid's ought not to be demolished. Yours faithfully, JOHN SUMMERSON, 1 Eton Villas, NW3.

Missing the point

From Mr Peter Bryer

Sir, It is some years since I saw a notice by the roadside informing me: "Bear left Guildford". I have often wondered why, because it is a nice town and its people are very kind. Yours faithfully, PETER BRYER, Little Applemore, Pilley Bailey, Lynton, Hampshire.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Fair hearing for needs of the poor

From Mr Louis Browne

Sir, I am in agreement with the analysis of your leading article (August 30) concerned with social security benefits.

I believe that to make such cuts as have been suggested in the only source of income many of our young unemployed have would indeed be to stir up a hornet's nest, with potentially serious repercussions.

There is now an apparent lack of an effective sympathetic voice in the Cabinet for the poorer members of our society. The enforced departure of ministers from the "Liberal-Conservative element" in the Cabinet, notably Sir Ian Gilmour and Norman St John-Stevas, with their replacements coming from the "hard-faced" faction in our party, has resulted in the kind of abominable suggestions concerning cuts in benefits that have been made.

Living in a town where unemployment is 18.5 per cent (under the new method of counting - approximately 34 per cent under the old method) I and my Young Conservative colleagues find it totally unacceptable that a Government, especially a Conservative Government, should seriously consider such cuts.

I fervently hope that such suggestions as have been made will be refuted by the Prime Minister as soon as possible. If they are not, then the response will be a call for compassionate social policy under this Government.

Yours faithfully, LOUIS BROWNE, Chairman, Birkenhead Young Conservatives, 41 Inglemere Road, Rock Ferry, Birkenhead, Merseyside, August 30.

From the Director, the Low Pay Unit

Sir, Your leading article, "Nibbling at benefits" is a timely and welcome contribution to the current debate on young people's income and employment. The purpose of the proposed reductions in teenagers' social security entitlement, as you point out, is not only to make substantial savings at the expense of a group who, as yet, are unable to vote. Such proposals also fit well within an overall package of policies designed to reduce the wage expectations of young people. The meagre allowances available

to Youth Training Scheme trainees are part of this package, as is the Young Workers' Scheme, which offers firms a subsidy if they pay low wages to young people. Ministers have also seriously considered removing young people from the scope of wages council minimum wage protection, although this could only be done in contravention of international agreements.

The Government justifies such policies as necessary to "price young people into jobs". Yet, as your editorial observes, there is little evidence that further reductions in youth wages will have any significant impact on the level of youth unemployment. Indeed, Department of Employment studies have been unable to find any statistically significant relationship between changes in young people's wages and their unemployment rates over the two decades up to 1979.

Since then young people's relative pay has declined while their unemployment rate has climbed steeply. Moreover the Young Workers' Scheme, although popular with employers especially in the already low-paying service sector, has been a spectacular failure as a means of creating new jobs.

Employers are not required to demonstrate that they are taking on new staff to qualify for the subsidy, or to provide training, but only to pay low wages. So a Government-commissioned study of the workings of the scheme carried out last year found that 90 per cent of the jobs for which a subsidy was paid would have existed anyway, while a further 4 per cent were created at the expense of adult workers. Only 6 per cent of subsidised jobs were newly created.

Here, perhaps, is a more appropriate source of public expenditure saving than reductions in benefits for young people.

The Government believe, as in the 1920s, that wage cuts are the only viable solution to unemployment. Current policies appear to be aimed at delivering to the labour market a generation whose expectations are permanently reduced. The cost, whether measured in terms of hardship for young people or in their future disaffection with work, may prove very high. Yours faithfully, CHRIS POND, Director, Low Pay Unit, 9 Poland Street, W1, August 31.

Detained in Rampton

From the Director of MIND

Sir, Your excellent editorial (August 25) about the patient detained at Rampton for 11 years most adequately highlights many of the issues raised by this case. More than anything else, Lyle Clarke's experience illustrates why MIND fought over many years for the introduction of automatic referrals of certain categories of detained patients to mental health review tribunals.

This was realized in the Mental Health Act 1983 and offers new hope to many long-stay detained patients who are unable to apply themselves and who have either been forgotten or about whom inaccurate assumptions have been made because of faulty records.

I would like to raise two important wider issues which are touched upon in your editorial; first, Mr Clarke appears to have been detained in Rampton, in part at least, because of seriously inaccurate medical records which he was not allowed to see and therefore, unless an independent tribunal decided to actively prove their accuracy or (as in this case) they were made public, there was no opportunity for them to be put right.

Tribunal medical reports are frequently withheld from the patient because they would be "detrimental to the patient's health". I cannot think of anything more detrimental to a patient than to be detained in hospital against his/her will when it was quite unnecessary. This case demands that we look once again at

the whole question of patients' files and the patients' right of access to them and calls for a radical reorientation of policy whereby it would only be in extreme cases that patients do not have access to their own files.

The second issue raised by the case is the question of aftercare in the community. Automatic tribunals are going to result in more long-term patients being discharged from their detained status and it is essential, if this reform is going to mean anything, that adequate facilities are available for them to return to living in the community rather than be "warehoused" as informal patients in hospital.

The 1983 Mental Health Act places a clear duty on local authorities and district health authorities to provide "aftercare" for discharged longer term detained patients. The current situation does not augur well for the future fulfilment of that duty.

The latest DHSS personal social services statistics indicate that two local authorities in England and Wales make no special provision whatever of housing for discharged patients. Local authorities, in particular, have got to be educated that this is an area of need that has got to receive an appropriate share of their resources. I hope that this case will mark the start of that education.

Yours faithfully, CHRIS HEGINBOTHAM, Director, MIND, 22 Harley Street, W1, August 26.

Dockland design

From Mr David Roberts

Sir, Sir Geoffrey Jellicoe's plea (July 2) for the creation of language structures to define and underpin the development of the dockland areas of London seems largely to have gone unnoticed or to have been blandly sidestepped in your columns. While sad institutional clumps of silver birch and cherry perch on tastelessly knee-high knolls amid the desolate reincarnation of the Victorian recreation grounds which are to be our lot, the opportunity to create a character and develop at little cost a structure for two miles of flat land marked out by evidence of our commercial and engineering achievement is being thrown complacently away.

Here the immense excavations, structures and vistas of the Victoria, Albert and George V docks stretch over a mile, their mostly mean warehousing relieved by an Edwardian manor-house folly of offices, a brisk, settled Board of Trade building or a splendid railway hotel; the trivial and insensitive handling of the sinuous line of water, the refusal to see the watercourse, the avenue of mature plane trees, the old railway track and the emptiness as opportunities for the creation of place, of character and of life show the hollowness of achievement where insight is absent.

At very little comparative cost, and without affecting necessary demolition, development and exploitation of the area we could show our grandchildren that what our grandparents created, while we could not emulate, we did at least respect and embellish. Yours etc, DAVID ROBERTS, 25 Bechlands, Malone Road, Belfast, August 26.

Sutton Hoo burial site in danger

From Dr W. J. Blair

Sir, Mr Kerr's objections (August 29) to the proposed work at Sutton Hoo are well meant but indeed "all excavation is destruction", but there is an obvious difference between the demolition of visible monuments and the archaeological dissection of layers and features which are invisible until excavated.

Excavation involves converting data inaccessible in the ground into data accessible on paper. Retrieval is never quite perfect and techniques are always improving: this is the one valid argument against excavating outstanding sites which are not threatened.

But the East Anglian royal tombs at Sutton Hoo are threatened, by scores of determined treasure-hunters lured by the riches which they are likely to contain. Far better to recover 90 per cent of the data from this unique site than to run the risk of losing it completely.

Yours faithfully, W. J. BLAIR, The Queen's College, Oxford, August 30.

Court-martial cases

From Mr Peter T. Scott

Sir, Mr T. A. Ende's letter (August 29) referring to the supposedly public nature of courts martial during both the world wars prompts me to raise a related point regarding the wisdom of allowing the records of such trials during the First World War to remain closed to public inspection.

There are a substantial number of instances where the details of First World War executions, giving the name and unit of the condemned man, the charge on which he was convicted and the date of his execution are recorded in documents already within the public domain at the Public Record Office. So far as I am aware there is no restriction on the publication of these brief, final details.

Conversely, Judge Babington's forthcoming study is largely based on closed records and while details of the trials will be published in this new book, no names or units will be mentioned.

Concern with both the fate and the identity of these men is increasingly apparent and will undoubtedly redouble once Judge Babington's book is published.

However, other historians attempting to pursue research in this field will now find a curious and highly unsatisfactory situation where not only have closed records been partially opened, but while details of the trials will be published in this new book, no names or units will be mentioned.

Surely it would be better for the authorities to grant immediate and unrestricted access to the full trial records and all the relevant documents presently removed from the war diaries, rather than allow what Stephen Roskill has described as "the speculation, rumour and innuendo" that surrounds this subject to be unnecessarily prolonged?

Yours faithfully, PETER T. SCOTT, Hon Editor, Stand To! The Journal of the Western Front Association, 6 Cranleigh Gardens, Sanderstead, South Croydon, Surrey, August 30.

What members want

From Lord Houghton of Sowerby

Sir, If the recently published canvass (August 26) of rank and file opinion on democracy in the Inland Revenue Staff Federation is any guide, the TUC should not only decide to have talks with Mr Tebbit but with their own members as well.

They would then know whether to continue to condemn his proposals as being anti-union or to accept his better judgment of what their members really want. I am Sir, your obedient servant, HOUGHTON OF SOWERBY, House of Lords, August 30.

Test of opinion

From Mr Roger Baker

Sir, Your page three picture today (September 1) shows a man brandishing a dead fish in the air. This proves, apparently, the Thames is now free of pollution. Is it really necessary to celebrate this fact by slaughtering the creatures who, unwisely, now regard the river as safe to live in?

Yours etc, ROGER BAKER, Flat F, 23/24 Great James Street, WCI, September 1.

Beyond argument

From Mr J. Selwyn Davies

Sir, The Secretary of University College, Cardiff has kindly drawn my attention to the entry in *The Times* Diary (August 30) which quotes our entry in the department's prospectus as reading: "The course will explore the various problems connected with the nature and effectiveness of arguments. No prior experience in the subject is required."

The secretary has also drawn my attention to the fact that this course description could perhaps have been even better employed for a course the department successfully ran a few years ago on "Death". Yours faithfully, J. S. DAVIES, Director, Department of Extra-Mural Studies, University College, Cardiff, 28 Park Place, Cardiff, August 30.



COURT AND SOCIAL

COURT CIRCULAR

September 2: The Duke of Gloucester, Patron, Richard III Society, visited Gloucester today, to unveil a plaque and attend celebrations to mark 500th Anniversary of the Charter of Incorporation granted by King Richard III to the City.

Princess Anne, patron, Royal Tournament, will attend a reception to launch the 1984 tournament at St James' Palace on December 7. The Prince of Wales will visit JEL Energy Conservation Services at Bramhall Moor Industrial Park, Stockport on December 20.

Marriages

Dr M. K. Davy and Dr E. Mainardi. The marriage of Dr Michael K. Davy and Dr Emanuela Mainardi took place in Magdalen College Chapel, Cambridge, on August 6, 1983.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr C. S. Matthews and Miss N. B. Rogers. The engagement is announced between Colin, third son of Sir Peter and Lady Matthews, of Ladycross House, Dormansland, Surrey, and Nancy, daughter of Mr and Mrs Thomas Rogers, of Kingsbury Place, St Louis, Missouri.

Latest appointments



Mr Angus Stirling will be Director-General of the National Trust from September 1 in succession to Sir Jack Boles. Mr Stirling was formerly deputy director-general.

Birthdays

TODAY: Mr Vernon Blunt, 83; Sir Macfarlane Burnet, OM, 84; Miss Pauline Collins, 43; Lord Craigton, 79; Lord Ebbisham, 71; Air Commodore Sir Gerald Gibbs, 87; Vice-Admiral Sir David Hallifax, 56; Mr James Hanley, 82; the Rev A. H. H. Harbottle, 68; Lord Harris, 80; Colonel J. H. Higson, 59; Mr Brian Lochors, 43; the Right Rev V. S. N. Nicholls, 66; Sir Ronald Peain, 76; Mr Gaston Thorn, 55; Miss Raquel Welch, 43.

Christening

The infant son of Mr and Mrs Peter Demetriadi was christened Guy Peter Michael Erskine at All Saints Church, Bradstone on August 21 by the Rev Roger Dixon. The godparents are Michel Cousins of Dalmoak, Mr Jeremy la Nicce, the Countess of Mar (for whom Mrs Michael Demetriadi stood proxy), and Mme Bernadette Delvaux (for whom Mrs Peter Demetriadi stood proxy).

Engagements

The engagement is announced between Mark Samuel Wilton, eldest son of Mr and Mrs P. W. Lee, of Fulwood, Sheffield, and Jamie Isabel, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs J. G. Macqueen, of Cotham, Bristol.



Baroness Maria von Trapp, whose story inspired the making of "The Sound of Music" at the Nonnberg Convent in Salzburg, Austria, where she was a postulant 60 years ago. The baroness, who now lives in Vermont, in the United States, is the subject of a Yorkshire Television programme, "First Tuesday", to be broadcast on the ITV network next Tuesday

Science report

Foetus implants aid brain-damaged rats

Another step has been taken in the research aimed at repairing brain injuries by transplanting brain tissue. It has involved the restoration of learning abilities to brain-damaged rats with implants from rat foetuses. The work has been done by Dr Donald Stein, of the University of Massachusetts Medical Centre, Dr Elizabeth Nuson, of Harvard Medical School and Beth Israel Hospital neurological unit, Boston; and Dr Randy Labbe and Dr Arthur Firl, of Clark University, Worcester, Massachusetts. Their report in the journal

The Divine nature of grace

Teresa McLean

Grace is the most poetic thing in Christianity. It has no visible existence. It may even have no existence at all; it may be, like God, a daydream, without limits and without substance. But if it does exist, it is our relationship with the divine. No wonder Christians have always been unable to define it; it would be less poetic, and less divine, if they could define it: one might as well try to define God. Aquinas came as near as anyone when he said that grace is our participation in the divine nature, which put it on a height above even his powers of definition. Grace is eternal life, he quoted St Paul; it is radiance of the soul; it is, he concluded helplessly, "of a higher order". That is why poetry comes closer to it than prose. Grace is above prose. It moves in and out of Christian poetic inspiration like a secret. Almost all its poetic images are silent, hidden and soft. "She moves in tumult; round her lies. The silence of the world of grace" (R. H. Benson, The Teresian Contemplative). Grace is the air of holiness and without it, as St Paul says, nothing holy can live, least of all vigorous visible things like good works. "God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, having sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work" (II Corinthians IX, 8). The relationship between goodness and grace is mysterious; the relationship between air and life. Out of his sparkling reservoir of poetic imagery the Jesuit poet Gerard Manley Hopkins chose the simple image of air to portray love/Let suppling grace, to cross his art/ Drop from above. He then illuminates that suppling quality in his poem "Prayer" in a flood of images, all of them mysterious and implicit "... the soul's blood, / The land of spices, something understood." The poem is a catalogue of grace, identified in prayer: "Softness and peace, and joy, and love; and bliss." Prayer is not always like that. It is ostentatiously dispiriting at times, when it leaves one without a sense of softness or peace or any of the other blessings Herbert lists. It brings grace, which contains them all and is insensible. Grace is one of those things one feels only when one has lost it. It is too metaphysical to feel. But when one falls from grace, one knows it, and can hardly endure it; the touch of grace is unbearably sublime. "Return O Lord in grace, in more and more grace, and when we are in possession of a good measure of that grace, we can pray again. Reverend Domine, Return O Lord in glory, Come Lord Jesus, come quickly" (John Donne, Sermon LII on the Penitential Psalms). Prayer, grace, and holiness between them rack the soul. Man may come into possession of a measure of grace as Donne prays, but it is really grace that comes into possession of him, and stretches him on the rack. It is a painful stretch, between the world and God. And as Hopkins said, "It is the high man was born for" ("Spring and Fall"). It is painful because, though it is an invisible and insensible blight, it is a real one. People blighted with grace have that radiance of soul which Aquinas knew he could not describe and no one could miss. For if God is real, grace is real; more, it is the essence of reality. It is of a higher order, and a stronger one. When one meets someone blighted with grace, that is to say someone holy, there are moments when the difficulty is not believing in God; it is believing in anything else. Secret and soft, grace is nevertheless palpable and strong: "God's breath in man returning to his birth... Engine against th' Almighty" (Herbert). The Incarnation means that in Christianity, alone among religions, the inward reality is most clearly apparent in the ordinary everyday outward reality of people, when they are blighted with the sanctifying strength of grace. In "The Wreck of the Deutschland", Hopkins finds his heart "dove-winged, I can tell / carrier witold, I am bold to boast / No flash from the flame to the flame then, lower from the grace to the grace." Then he comes back to earth and gives grace a human face, the face of Christ. "For I greet him the days I meet him, and bless when I understand." The days one does neither, most days, one can always pray for grace. With the special, secret, strong hope that grace brings with it, "Spirit, who speak'st by silence, / remake me" ("A Prayer in Pentecost" Siegfried Sassoon).

Falklands wool boosts jobs

The growing demand for hand-knitted garments in Falkland Islands wool has encouraged a Lake District firm to try to employ more than 500 more outworkers to knit garments. Viking Wools, of Hawkeshead, have applied for planning permission to build a £200,000 warehouse to store the raw wool. Hawkeshead where it can store enough wool to keep up to 600 knitters supplied. Mr Alan Geynor, the proprietor, said yesterday: "We have now established a countrywide market for hand-knitted garments in the wool, and are even getting orders from overseas. We have just had two fantastic inquiries for hand-knitted garments from Germany and Japan, but need new premises to enable us to cope."



The Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Robert Runcie (left), at Lambeth Palace yesterday bidding farewell to Bishop Gerald Ellison, the former Bishop of London, who is to become Dr Runcie's Vicar-General of Bermuda. The unusual appointment of vicar-general allows Bishop Ellison to carry out all the episcopal functions of a bishop of Bermuda. (Photograph: Barry Beattie)

Clan chief defeats BP

Sir Ivar Colquhoun of Luss, chief of the clan Colquhoun, has won his five-year legal battle against British Petroleum to prove that Luss Estates have the exclusive ownership of 300 yards of foreshore at Finart on Loch Long where BP has an oil terminal. The judgment at the Court of Session in Edinburgh means that he can claim compensation from BP for use of the foreshore which it has been using for more than 20 years.

Moreton Hall, Shropshire

Autumn Term begins today with 305 girls in school, 80 of whom are in the sixth form. Catherine Brinton is head prefect with Penelope Morgan as second prefect. Susan Barber is captain of lacrosse. The half-term exam will be from October 22 to 30. The Bishop of Shrewsbury will conduct a service of confirmation on Friday, October 21. The carol service will be on Friday, December 9 and term will end on December 10.

Enthronement of new archbishop

Dr John Habgood will be enthroned as Archbishop of York Minister on November 18, but officially becomes archbishop on October 18 at the confirmation of his election. That ceremony takes place in London. Dr Habgood, Bishop of Durham for 10 years, succeeds Lord Blanch of Blaphothorpe who retired last month.

MP condemns stubble fires as 'black storm' sweeps Kent

By John Young, Agriculture Correspondent

Despite the recent assertion by Mr Christopher Righton, the NFU vice-president, that there was "no alternative" to burning, and Mr Jopling's stated view that it was not a suitable matter for legislation, the union clearly feels that it has its back to the wall. An official ruefully agreed yesterday that, coming on top of public protests about smoke and accidental burning of trees and hedgerows, the "ash storm" was the worst thing that could have happened. The union had issued an amendment to its code of practice this year, advising farmers to plough or till the soil as soon as possible after burning. But that was difficult because the ground was baked hard after weeks without rain. A gale had polluted the air up to a height of several hundred feet, he said. The ash was finding its way through doors and windows and forming a layer of filth. Farming must come under stricter control, Mr Crouch insisted. It was time farmers showed a greater respect for the rest of society. He said he understood that burning was outlawed in France and Germany, and Britain should fall into line with its EEC partners. Complaints were pouring in yesterday to the police, council offices, and local branches of the NFU. A police spokesman in Faversham said the station had been swept several times but still the ash was getting in.

Services tomorrow: Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

- ALL SAINTS, Mansfield Street, L.M. 8.30 and 10.30. Holy Communion. 11.00. St. Paul's Cathedral, L.M. 8.30. Holy Communion. 10.30. St. Paul's Cathedral, L.M. 11.00. St. Paul's Cathedral, L.M. 11.30. St. Paul's Cathedral, L.M. 12.00. St. Paul's Cathedral, L.M. 12.30. St. Paul's Cathedral, L.M. 1.00. St. Paul's Cathedral, L.M. 1.30. St. Paul's Cathedral, L.M. 2.00. St. Paul's Cathedral, L.M. 2.30. St. Paul's Cathedral, L.M. 3.00. St. Paul's Cathedral, L.M. 3.30. St. Paul's Cathedral, L.M. 4.00. St. Paul's Cathedral, L.M. 4.30. St. Paul's Cathedral, L.M. 5.00. St. Paul's Cathedral, L.M. 5.30. St. Paul's Cathedral, L.M. 6.00. St. Paul's Cathedral, L.M. 6.30. St. Paul's Cathedral, L.M. 7.00. St. Paul's Cathedral, L.M. 7.30. St. Paul's Cathedral, L.M. 8.00. St. Paul's Cathedral, L.M. 8.30. St. Paul's Cathedral, L.M. 9.00. St. Paul's Cathedral, L.M. 9.30. St. Paul's Cathedral, L.M. 10.00. St. Paul's Cathedral, L.M. 10.30. St. Paul's Cathedral, L.M. 11.00. St. Paul's Cathedral, L.M. 11.30. 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THE ARTS

Lord Berners (left) was a composer, a novelist, a painter and a man of great hospitality. Between the wars he entertained 'the famous, the well-born, the wicked, the amusing, talented and beautiful in a style they never forgot'.

Lord Berners, that most versatile peer

The number of once-familiar facts about Gerald Hugh Tyrwhitt-Wilson, fourth Baron Berners and fifth Baronet, the centenary of whose birth falls on September 18, is actually quite small, but since even some of these are in danger of being forgotten by people under fifty and, but for a small band of enthusiasts, most of his work is neglected, it should first be repeated here.

Between 1915 and 1921 he composed a number of startlingly original piano pieces and songs, blending parody, sentiment, and pastiche. Many of them may be heard on Peter and Meziel Dickinson's record A Portrait of Lord Berners, Unicorn RHS 355, which established him as a France-orientated member of the English avantgarde.



visitors' book under "profession": "write to the above". "Two Shaw letters will be among many Berners memorabilia in what promises to be a splendid exhibition on the South Bank, including Beerbohm's drawing, all points shoes at the piano, of Lord Berners making more sweetness than violence."

Radio All done by ear

Do you ever have the feeling, when the credits come up for those programmes of scientific explanation at which television is held to be so good, that your grasp of whatever it may be is somehow less than might have been expected? Why not? Is it that you're not quite bright enough to get the message?

The blessing of radio is that the insatiable eye can have no expectations. Everything is down to the slow and patient ear, and I have been nowhere more conscious of the value of this than in listening to the Radio 3 series of Friday evening interviews which John Maddox is currently conducting with eminent scientific practitioners.

David Wade

Television One-man comedy

Kenneth Williams is the shameson of speech; his voice hits a high note and then plummets to the earth, a duchess one minute and a dushman the next. The low nasal sound of cockney can be discerned in even the most regal circumstances, however, which is no doubt why his Comic Boots (BBC 1) are in St Pancras, London.

Peter Ackroyd

WEEKEND CHOICE

Kings of Infinite Space (tomorrow, BBC 2, 8.10pm) has to do with architecture, not Star Wars, though some of it does. It is not always possible to think of them purely as buildings; would fit happily into that saga of intergalactic big-bangery. This is the story of two Americans with big ideas that became big creations.

Peter Davalle

EDINBURGH FESTIVAL

Agreeable trip down a side path

Colour Moves King's Theatre The theory behind Ballet Rambert's new work, given at Edinburgh on Thursday, was explained in an interview with Bridget Riley in The Times on Wednesday. The starting point is her designs, the first she has made for the stage, but in a style familiar from her paintings.

Promenade Concert

LSO/Abbado Albert Hall/Radio 3 & 4 After such a superb, exhilarating performance of Beethoven's Symphonic Fantastique as the London Symphony Orchestra gave on Thursday, criticism seems beside the point. It must be a relief for this orchestra to escape from its troubles in another place and to reproduce us that it really is a first-class orchestra, on its day, and this indeed was its day, one of the best in the world.

Theatre

Tales from Hollywood Olivier

Christopher Hampton's plays are either, in the period of 1940 to 1950, the product of a sociological journalistic research. I suspect that one factor that attracted him to the subject of emigre German writers in wartime Hollywood was his parallel experience as a highly successful dramatist who vanished for some years into the dream factory. But it turns out Tales from Hollywood follows Sawyer as a scrupulously researched piece of reconstruction. Unlike that play, though, it is not the work of a man fired with his theme.

Irving Wardle

Michael Gambon's Horvath is a prodigiously varied figure, quiet careerist, and - on two volcanic occasions - spokesman for Europe's agony. Alison Chitty's vast screens, projecting location pictures, cartoons, and empty expanses of Pacific blue, do convey a strong sense of the treacherous west coast paradise; would the same were true of the play.

Ian McDiarmid and Michael Gambon

MARKET REPORT by Michael Clark

Active end to account

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings begin, Monday. Dealings end, Sept 16. Contango Day, Sept 19. Settlement Day, Sept 20.

As dealers left for home last night they were forecasting few signs of improvement when the market opened on Monday...

Red faces round at Harvard Securities yesterday after investors advised a circular from them advising to do nothing about Reynolds diversified proposed...

The market capitalization of Mettoy, the die-cast toys group, was cut in half yesterday as shares plunged 8p to 8p yesterday...

group in which Mettoy has a 15 per cent stake, has run into cash flow problems. Earlier this year Mettoy sold off the bulk of its holding in Dragon to City Institutions...

Other computer stocks also suffered on the news. Fobel International lost 13p to 83p, and Applied Computers 25p to 390p.

At present the parent owns just over 70 per cent of the ordinary shares and 343 per cent of the non-voting shares.

210p on the bid from Bressingham, down 3p to 101p. Over on the Unlisted Securities Market shares of Bionetronics, the industrial effluent treatment group, held steady at 95p after the appointment of a new chairman...

Shares of Sound Diffusion, the electronic engineer, dipped 2p to 100p yesterday as a line of over 300,000 shares went through the market. The shares were sold around the 200p level and represent about 2 per cent of the equity.

Mr Max Rippon to devote more time to the technical side of the business. Shares of Kraft Productions, the Somerset-based furniture manufacturer, returned from suspension sharply higher following a cash injection. The shares were

suspended on August 11, at 165p and yesterday opened at 190p before hitting a high of 265p. The price ended the day at 250p - a 100 per cent rise.

The group received its much needed cash injection from a consortium of investors who ploughed in £187,000 in return for new shares of 15p each and substantially below the current market price.

Shares of Boral Electronics, unchanged at 449p, go on-exp on Monday following a one-for-one share split. It has been quite a week for the Irish oil exploration stock Atlantic Resources. At one stage, the price fell as low as 250p and even when it recovered the jobbers were unable to tempt the buyers.

But this enthusiasm failed to rub off on the other Irish explorers.

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Water sports: The new wave rolls in

If Everest had not been there, someone would have felt obliged to invent it... such is man's love of challenge and adventure. Mary Wilson joins the jet skiers and speed sailors whose devotion to new sport has led them to put motorbikes on skis and decorate yachts with fins, foils, tails and outrageous amounts of canvas. Theirs is the search for thrills, spills and the ultimate knot

Jet setting as the spray flies

The ingenious jet ski combines the water ski with the motorcycle, allowing devotees to speed on water with the freedom and safety of jet propulsion. Such an idea had to come from California - inventor Clay Jacobson thought it all up there in 1970.

Jacobson's first prototype was built with a V hull and fixed handle-pole and used a Rotax engine. It was fantastic but riders found it almost impossible to handle.

Jacobson knew his premise was right, so he started looking for a big manufacturer. Kawasaki saw its potential and in 1971 produced the first machine as it is now.

Today at Thorpe Park, Surrey, British enthusiasts will gather for the 1983 jet ski championships. In Britain jet skiing, as a new sport, has not only had to catch the public's interest, but also to persuade lake-owners and clubs to recognize it as a viable sport.

When you hear jet skis you might think you are about to be enveloped by swarming hornets. I first heard the loud droning noise as eight jet skis were scorching around a crescent-shaped lake.

Four Europeans were desperately vying with their American counterparts, but disaster falling. They were not too disappointed, however. After all, the Americans had been at it for 12 years - our teams have jet-skied for two years at the most.

They did try to even up the odds the night before the race by religiously drinking mineral water while the Americans laid back the Scotch. Someone even put Kirsch on the confetti at breakfast - but to no avail. The late, hard night had not the slightest effect on the American team's superior skill.

However, our jet skiers learned a great deal from the opposing team - mechanical and practical tips gleaned from years of practice; and they were aware of the Americans' very different style - more upright, especially when cornering. That is a vital part of racing, and our team soon realized that leaning right into the

water, bottom first, was not the most satisfactory method of executing the move. When the excitement had waned, they asked me if I would like to try out a jet ski. Did I detect a smirk on their faces?

The invitation was met with some trepidation. I cannot ride a motorcycle and I have never set foot on water-skis, so the description of the sport as a mixture of the two did nothing to alleviate my fears.

A jet ski is 7ft long and 2ft wide, powered by a 440cc or 550cc engine. Although it looked kittenish bobbing about in the water, after watching one being raced at 45mph I knew it was capable of turning into a savage beast.

Thankfully, I found the machine relatively easy to ride. The knack - and the challenge - is to balance yourself. Once this is accomplished you are unlikely to fall off, as long as you remember you are a novice, proceed at about 10mph and try not to ape the antics of the experienced riders.

What happens if you tumble off? The jet ski automatically slows down and, as only a well-mannered machine should, behaves, turns in continuous circles around you until you can pick it up. It is remarkably safe too. No propeller or rudder to slice you up, as movement is effected by the force of jet-propelled water.

The handlebars alter the position of the jet and therefore, your direction. The handlebars are on the end of a movable central control column, which can be adjusted to any height for child or adult to ride. It is possible to stand.

Jet skis were brought to England in 1980 by Tony Walker. He saw them first five years ago in Barbados. After spending a fortnight of his holidays, Tony had a hunch that there could be a market for the machines in England.

He took the telephone number of the manufacturers off the small metal name tag on the back of the machine, and phoned them. At first the people at Kawasaki were somewhat unhelpful, but he doggedly persuaded them it would be a good idea to sell in England, and after a year of negotiating contracts he secured the franchise for this country.

The advantages of the sport over water-skiing and motorcross - from which most of the present-day riders originate - are many: It is an individual sport. You can take off any time, anywhere, as the whim takes you. Only two people are needed to fit the

machine, and it can be launched solo with a small trolley. It is cheaper to run and repair, and in contrast with water-skiing which needs skis, a speed boat, a tow rope, a driver and an observer, jet skiing requires only you.

Mark Voyles, number three in America, used to motorcross but now prefers jet skiing. He explained: "There's no dust, it's cleaner, water is softer to fall on, and above all there are no tyres to change."

There are about 200 private owners at present, with 65 members of the British Jet Ski Association regularly attending race meetings. An owners-only club has just been formed at Kempton Park.

The park, which I thought was entirely dedicated to horse racing, has a 30-acre lake right in the centre of the course. Members of the club are given a key so that they can use the lake at their own convenience, as long as they remember the horses always take precedence.

To jet-ski you need to be fit. James Carne, a former European water-ski jump holder, emphasized that he needs to work out at a gym four times a week to have enough stamina to race. He estimates it falls between straight water-skiing and a slalom in exertion.

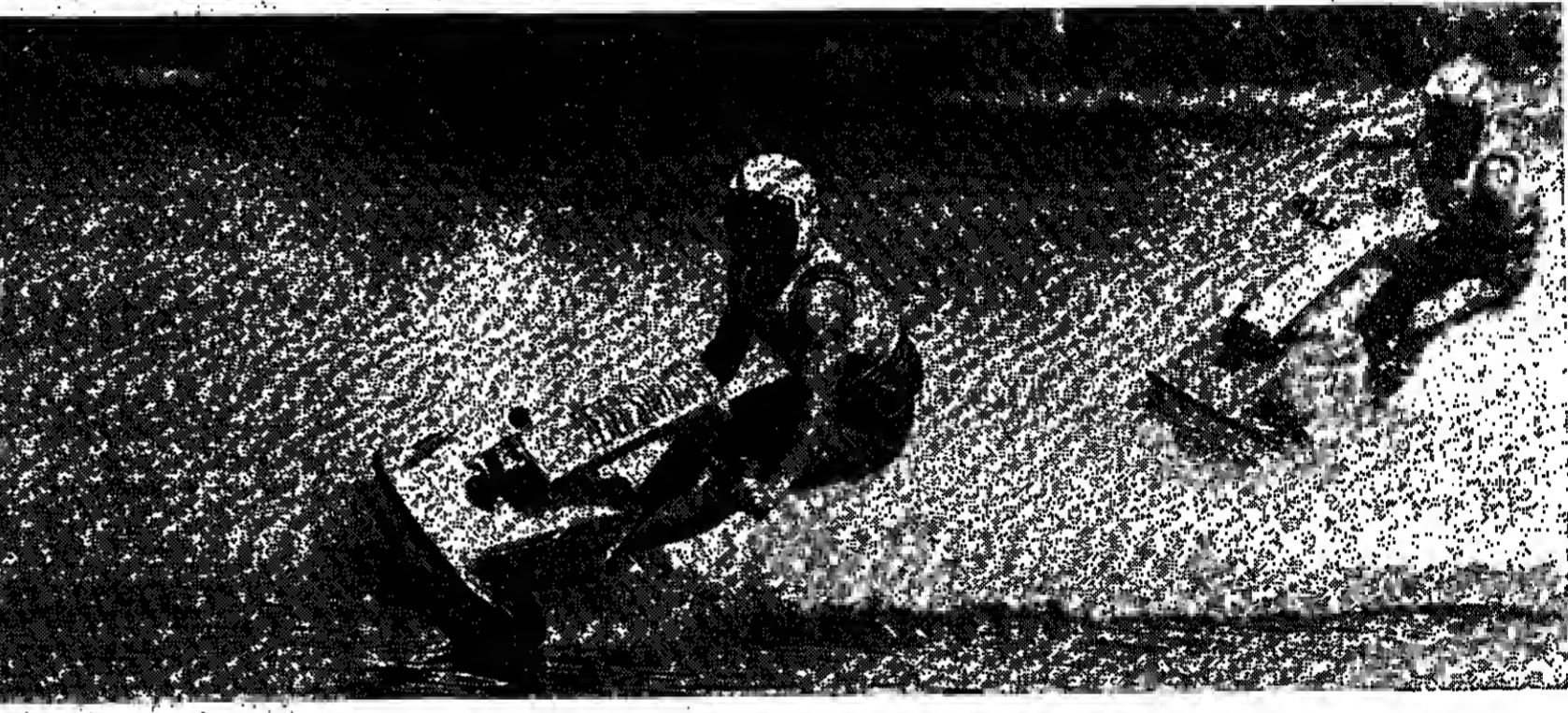
Tony Jacobs, who distributes the machines in the South-East, doesn't train so dedicatedly. He reckons that a couple of games of squash a week are enough, but he doesn't take part in the races.

Two of the European team come from Ireland - Gerry Stephens and Michael Doherty. They are both from Dublin and usually make the ferry over for every race meeting.

Gerry was also in motorcross until he decided that a safer sport would benefit his wife and two children. He first discovered jet skiing after a bad motorcycling accident, in which he lost the power in his left arm. He met Michael, who persuaded him to use the machine to build up the strength in his arm. Gerry did as instructed and it worked, but by that time he was hooked on the sport.

Gerry keeps up his stamina by using his jet ski all through the year. "Even in the snow, ice and gales," he enthused, "it's wonderful at jumping from wave to wave." I'm not sure if our boys from England would agree.

Gerry was the only one who was upset at doing so badly against the Americans. He vowed to do better next time. "Now we've seen what they can do, we know what we're up against," he said. "They won't find it so easy next year, I warrant you."



Purchase details: Two-stroke, two-cylinder water-cooled engine with two-gallon petrol tank taking 50:1 mix, using approximately one gallon per hour. Constructed of SMC glass fibre compound with air areas filled with liquid foam cooled to form dense flotation. Price: 440cc £2,200 plus VAT; 550cc £2,500 plus VAT; modified 474cc £2,600 plus VAT. Insurance: £20. Racing: Racing season is from May to September. The finals of the 1983 jet-ski championships will be held today at Thorpe Park, Staines Road, Chertsey, Surrey (T22 3355), Tony Jacobs.

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Rigging up to break the record

When I first chanced upon a cluster of speed sailors I thought I had come upon a sophisticated competition for the world's most unconventional boat.

Spread out in front of me were craft with peculiar foils, fins and tails sticking out at all angles. One reminded me of a caddy-longleg having fallen alimbo in the sand. I saw asymmetrical catamarans with single, and twin rigs, tiny sailboats with up to four sails, and a couple of boats being towed by kites. One with a ladder of 12 kites actually left the water, which seemed to defeat its purpose as a sailing boat.

The point of this eccentric sport is purely to break records. Speed sailing is more isolationist than jet skiing in that one is racing against an intangible opponent. The sport was instigated because, unlike Everest, it was not there.

As John Reed, secretary of the speed trials at the Royal Yachting Association, puts it: "There was a healthy interest by people wishing to compare ultimate speeds of their particular boats, and therefore produce a world record." For years people had also been trying out new designs and developments with no way to prove their worth.

Speed sailing began in England in 1972. The concept was encouraged by Yachting World and in their editor, Bernard Heyman, and after months of correspondence in the magazine on the possibility of official speed trials, the first speed week was held under the auspices of the Royal Yachting Association.

Speed sailing has been popular ever since, and there is an annual speed-sailing week in October at Portland Harbour, Weymouth. In latter years similar weeks have been organized speeded. They have secured sponsorship but although backers have been forthcoming in past years their enthusiasm seems to have tailed off.

James Grogono, one of the originators of the speed weeks and still competing, explained: "I had a Formula catamaran, which is a standard design and an Olympic class. I put hydrofoils on to the boat one year as an experiment. They are set at 45 degrees and designed to lift the boat while remaining under water - working on the principles of aerodynamics, although in the water.

"I became convinced they were working and the boat was sailing faster because of them. But I had no way to convince anyone else. As the hydrofoils are effective only in a straight line and on a

beam reach (for the uninitiated that means with the wind blowing from the side), it was hopeless trying them out in a conventional race. There was no way we could round the buoy."

So the idea of bringing together people of like mind was born, and Portland Bay was chosen as the venue because of its protected harbour - the calmer the water, the better to sail on. The Royal Yachting Association is now the international authority ratifying records from all over the world, and every year enthusiasts take their creations down to the bay to find out the truth.

The speed-sailing weeks not only allow individuals to prove (or not) that their boats are faster. They also provide a show case for boat designers and builders. As the trials are operated in controlled conditions, what better way of demonstrating, testing and promoting their latest inventions?

The course is over a distance of 500 metres. Official measurers check the sail area after every run, and the course is fitted by timed video. In Portland Bay a southerly wind is needed to break records, and although some people are of the opinion that the venues abroad are more fun, it is a fact that all speed records have been established in England. Last year, a record in one class was held briefly in France, only to be broken again, one week later, in Britain.

There are five classes divided by sail area, the smallest (under 10 square metres) being dominated by surfboards and sailboards. In class B, James Grogono's boat Icarus, which he owns jointly with brother, father and friends, has triumphantly held the record for several years. Their most impressive speed of 24.8 knots was achieved in 1981.

In the unlimited class, the world record is held by Crossbow

III at 36 knots. Pretty nifty for a sailing boat. Any form of power is, of course, forbidden.

Crossbow is a behemoth of a twin-rigged catamaran, at 60ft long by 30ft wide. It is owned by Tim Coleman, who set the record in 1980 but has not sailed since. Coleman explained his recent absence: "I read about the trials some years ago and thought the idea sounded rather fun. I've done it for eight years and thoroughly enjoyed every minute, but now I have achieved the world record I have nothing left to beat. If someone should break my record, then maybe I'll think about it again."

Two of the people chasing his record this year are Keith Stewart and Bob Downhill. Stewart's boat is a "proa" - a shunting boat, towed by a 20 square metre kite inflated with a mixture of helium and air. It has one 9 metre hull and another much smaller one to

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Long days, starry nights and a grand panorama of peaks

Paul Routledge comes face to face with vertigo on a trekking holiday in the Pyrenees

For an increasing number of people, travel interest has moved on from package tours with their easily-saturated chip butties, instant sunshine and Wainey's Red Barrel. A revived spirit of adventure has produced a demand for more challenging holidays in remote places.

It is a strong English tradition, of course, captured in the classics by eccentric British travellers now being reissued in smart paperbacks. Such expeditions are usually to high, wild and hazardous destinations - a three-month bicycle ride to the Karakorams, for instance.

For most of us the reality is rather different. If you work, you cannot get the time off for such exotic trips. If you are unemployed you cannot afford them. Hence the appearance on the market of tourist operators who offer maximum adventure with minimum hassle, aiming to satisfy the call of the wild in a fortnight's flirtation with risk.

This summer I sampled one such adventure, an organized trek through the high Pyrenees operated by Sherpa Expeditions. Sample is probably the right word, as much to my embarrassment. I was compelled by vertigo to retire from a 2,600 metre peak (of which more later). However, I experienced enough to conclude that this is the best way for all but the most experienced climbers to see such places.

Limestone peaks and mountain streams

The trekking party was small, only 11 people - four women, seven men, plus professional guide Paul Atkins, a young man but highly experienced and level-headed in a crisis. The adventurers' ages ranged from 20 to about 60, though most were in their mid to late-thirties. Practically all had white-collar occupations - engineer, librarian, teacher, anaesthetist, film-maker and so on. As we gathered at Toulouse, some of them looked dauntingly lean, fit and well-prepared, with ice-axes and ropes dangling casually from their rucksacks.

Sherpa's holiday dossier stresses the visual attractions of the Pyrenees, that "impressive unbroken wall rising out of the green plain of Gascony". With a verbal flourish worthy of more glossy brochures it promised: "Trekking the chain, we experience a rich and varied landscape that contains all the attractions of alpine scenery: forested slopes, flower-carpeted meadows, mountain streams and jagged limestone peaks".

The literature was less discursive about the physical endurance aspect, perhaps wisely so, as it turned out. The trails were described as generally well-defined and the walking as "at times strenuous". The trek was graded "C" and not for beginners. It is designed for those who are in good physical condition, "and enjoy hill walking".

In fact, the average daily climb was around 3,000 ft, which meant that our jolly hikers did more than the equivalent of climbing Everest in a fortnight. Add to that the descents each evening to camp at mountain refuges or sleep out under the stars, and it was small wonder that Sherpa's literature confessed: "Some days are long."

The good days could not be too long, however. The Pyrenees in midsummer are magnificent, and the high-level route chosen between the impressive Cirque de Gavarnie and the Val d'Ancles in Andorra showed the mountains at their best.

This year the snow stayed late. There were numerous steeply shelving snowfields to navigate where an ice-axe was not merely "useful", as suggested, but vital. The official guide-book to the route insists that an ice-axe is essential and "must be taken".

Our route took us along the Franco-Spanish border on a 2,400-2,600 metre ridge that lived up to its promise of a "grand panorama of near and distant peaks". There were also delightful

sightings of wild chamois gambolling on the snow, glimpsed through a deep cleft in the rock opening into a secluded valley. Huge huzzards cruised gracefully in the air currents.

Underfoot, the vegetation was astonishingly varied, with treacherously slippery grass giving way to all manner of flowers, including orchids and the delicate but powerfully-coloured blue gentians.

Hand over hand, and that sinking feeling

For this traveller, alas, there were also views down the ridge that could have been the graveyard of time. It was a scene of desolation, yet of cruel beauty, as the gulls shrieked and wheeled and dived over the grey waters of the Atlantic.

It was a perfect setting for tragic drama, and where I sat one of Ireland's greatest dramatists had sat at the turn of the century, creating the imagery and the language that was to contribute so much to the Irish literary renaissance.

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4,500ft, while the main body went by the planned route. They took 13 hours to complete the day's stint, arriving in the dark after negotiating a dangerous snowfield and a precipitous drop into the unfit camp site. The meadow there turned out to be carpeted with large, fresh cowpats rather than flowers, which added an interesting dimension to the night's camping.

The infuriating thing about falling victim to vertigo is that I am no stranger to high places. I have walked up to 10,000ft in the Swiss Alps and even higher in Balhistan - not to mention tramping the hills of Yorkshire and climbing British mountains such as Cader Idris. The view from an aeroplane, cable car or even chairlift does not affect me. I shall just have to get used to the fact that I am one of perhaps 5 per cent of the population who cannot cope with standing on the edge of a sheer drop.

I called it a day after my experiences on the ridge. My presence was only holding up the team, and adding to the guide's problems. But I wish I could have completed the trek. We were just beginning to settle down into an easy amiability and a daily routine. It was a staggeringly beautiful country. We drank from clear, cold streams, ate well every evening in camp and enjoyed the companionship that such conditions create.

I watched the party leave camp with regret and not a little envy one fine July morning, heading for a seemingly impossible wall of rock on what was promised to be "an easy day". You find a lot out about yourself on mountains.

It was too much. The dossier had casually mentioned that "there may be some scrambling over easy rocks" on that day. It did not say we would be trekking over loose slate, on a path sometimes barely a foot wide with a sharp drop on both sides, or going hand over hand up steep slopes of gipset with a sheer drop below. The stock joke of the adventure trade - "We aim to thrill, not kill", became rather sick - almost as sick as me.

I was not the only one with problems. Two other men and one of the women wanted to get off the ridge, so our guide split the party in two. With him, four of us made a rather hairy descent of



Sherpa Expeditions, 131a Hester Road, Hounslow, Middlesex (S77 2T7). This year a two-week high Pyrenees trek costs £225 inclusive of flights, meals, and transfers. Pyrenees High Level Route by G. Vernon (West Col Productions, £7.50) covers this route. Maps published by Editorial Alpina are available from Stanfords, 12 Long Acre, London WC2.



Stepping out and up: Route taken by the Sherpa trekkers. Above: Crossing the border between Spain and France



Next stop New World: Daring fishermen cast their lines from these 265ft cliffs on Inishmore, largest of the Aran Islands

Geoffrey Watkins savours the desolate beauty of the Aran Islands Subtle harmonies of light and colour, solitude and stillness

The mist drifted over the rocky plateau on top of the cliff that could have been the graveyard of time. It was a scene of desolation, yet of cruel beauty, as the gulls shrieked and wheeled and dived over the grey waters of the Atlantic.

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said to have constructed his "chair" near the edge of the cliff - a semi-circular structure about 3ft high, made of loose limestone slabs - where he used to sit and muse and dream. His *Riders to the Sea* is based on an incident on this island, and his most famous work - one of the landmarks in world drama - *The Playboy of the Western World*, had its origin in a story he heard on Inishmore.

Yet the island, one feels, has not changed much in all those years. There is so much to remind one of pre-history: burial grounds where large parts of the islands are like huge mazes, the small fields enclosed by drystone walls about 4ft high where sheep and cattle may safely graze; early Christian stone forts, old churches and monastic sites, thatched and slate-covered cottages, and sturdy people speaking their own tongue, who are as close to the earth as a cow's hoof, and as attuned to the sea as a curragh's bottom.

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stool and listen to the keeper of the cemetery and monuments, 74-year-old Pat McDonagh, tell you tales in Irish (which the boman will translate) of the old days, and of the even more tragic days when the great sailing ships crowded with their human cargoes left Concoemara for the New World.

The three islands comprise 18 square miles, with a total population of about 2,500. The most popular is Inishmore. The Galway Bay ferry sails direct from Cork to Kilronan, the capital, a cluster of houses on a small hill, with three pubs, a small restaurant, fish and chip cum tea shop and a few craft shops. The more romantic-sounding Naomh Eanna (Saint Eanna, the patron saint of the Arans) which also carries cargo, calls at the other two islands. To go ashore you have to transfer to curraghs, long boats made of wood covered with tarred canvas, in which the islanders have fished for hundreds of years.

Most of the visitors to Inishmore are day trippers, and as soon as the ferry pulls into the quay they see - and a picturesque sight it is - a long line of ponies and trap waiting to take them on a tour of the island (about £5) or more directly to the magnificent stone fort of Dun Aengus on top of a 265ft sheer cliff covered in buttercups, daisies, dandelions, and yellow-flowered heather, with fern plants in crevices and other sheltered places. Some of the more daring islanders fish from here.

The drivers of these brown-painted vehicles may be countrymen but they have a homely line in patter and a well-developed entrepreneurial sense, being able to turn a quiet back into two when an American horse by. They have their own small farms and when the visitors have gone home they return there to milk the cows or cut the hay. As most of the visitors are young people they make for the buildings where bicycles can be hired for £2.50 a day, and these riders are to be seen all over the island.

I think what charmed me most about Inishmore was the beautiful and subtle harmonies of light and colour: grey limestone, lush grass and wild flowers that pattern the hedgerows, fields and hillsides. It is this delicacy of colouring you see everywhere, in the sky, sea and the blue-grey hills of Connemara over the water. Such tones could not be captured in oils but need the sensitive touch in watercolours of a Cotman or a Crane.

The names of the wild flowers are a poem in themselves: Samphire, saxifrage, wild marjoram, spring gentian, bloody cranebill, eyebright, dogwood, squinancywort, bluegrass, red goosefoot, red broomrape, musk storksbill, white moon daisy, hart's tongue, lesser dodder var. Large fuschias grow wild and on the stone walls honeysuckle, grows, while wild strawberries and wild orchids flourish in the rock crevices. There are few trees in Inishmore, but there is one clump of chestnuts in Kilronan that houses the noisiest colony of jackdaws I have ever heard. From sparrows to juncos, hooded crows and a cuckoo that sings all day, the island is a great place for birds. I

recall a skylark ascending one late afternoon, after a eight hours walking. I was weary, but the sight of that blithe spirit with fluttering wings moving heavenward as if on an invisible string, singing "in profuse strains of unpremeditated art" raised my spirits, and I rejoiced with Shelley.

Inishmore is where Liam O'Flaherty, author of *The Informer* and many other novels and volumes of short stories, was born in a cottage at Gort na Gcappal, a short walk from the beautiful curved bay of Kilmurvy with its white sands. He is still alive, I am glad to say, 87 years old and living in Dublin. After making my pilgrimage to the cottage I took the long, stony upward path on my way back to Kilronan, and in that stillness and beauty shared it only with the birds, insects, bobbing young rabbits, wild flowers and - God.

At Bungowla at the end of the island one can look out to the white pencil of a lighthouse on little Earagh Island, which points the way to America - the next stop. There are no hotels on the island, only guest houses, where bed and breakfast is good value at £6.50.

My favourite place for a drink was the thatched pub in Kilronan where you enter at the back and sit on a wooden settle or small chairs or on a kind of mattress thrown over metal barrels. Its stone floor and simple interior make it an ideal place for relaxing and this is where the rugged, soft-spoken fisherman came, Bridie Daly, the charming, gentle, silver-haired landlady will make you feel at home. Bridie reminded me of that great Irish actress, Sara Allgood, and could have been a character in a Synge or O'Casey play herself.

The Aran Islands, where the climate is mild, the rain soft and its sun strange in summer, owe their fame to Robert Flaherty, the American documentary filmmaker who made *Man of Aran* in 1934. It was scripted by Pat Mullin, an Inishmore man who is buried on the island. Changes have come since - electricity, television, a small number of cars and motorcycles - but the islands are still unspoiled, places where one is made aware of history, drama and poetry, and where one still can find beauty and solitude.



How to get there: By train from London (Paddington) to Cork via Pembroke Dock and Ballinacorney, 2.41 return. Monthly returns to the islands from Cork on the Galway and the Naomh Eanna ferries cost £17.80. The voyage to Inishmore takes three hours, slightly longer by the Naomh Eanna which calls at the other two islands. Accommodation: Bed and breakfast at the Imperial Hotel, Galway, costs £15. On the island the average rate for bed and breakfast is £6.50. Exchange rates: About 129 Irish pence to £1 sterling. The Irish pound is the part of 100 pence. All prices quoted are in Irish pounds.

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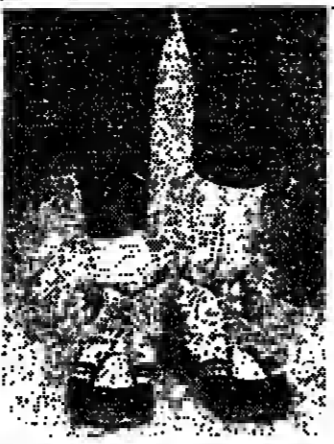
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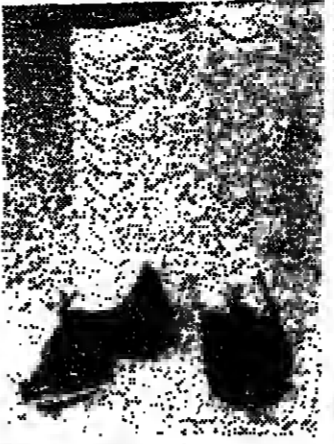
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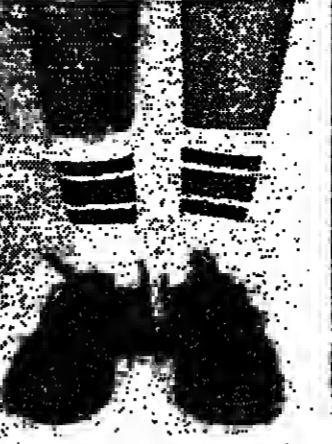
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Fitting time to put the squeeze on the shoe shops

Top-to-ankle health is the number one cult of the eighties, but that is where the obsession slips - just short of the feet. Even six-year-olds are now being allowed to demand trendy shoes...

Council indicates that the code might not be working entirely satisfactorily. The Federation is comprised of four associations - the Multiple Shoe Retailers, the Independent Footwear Retailers, the In-Stock Footwear Suppliers...

taught from literature supplied by the company. Of the eight retailers who were FDF members, five supplied totally unsuitable fittings. Two pairs of the "adequately fitted" shoes were supplied by FDF members...

any action they could take to improve fitting among their members". The FDF's version is less precise. "We didn't come to any conclusions", Mr Corduro MacWilliam says.

should be the Children's Foot Health Register, which lists 700 approved shops throughout the country. (The three successes to the Cleveland report were all on the register.)

CFH, 84-88 Great Eastern Street, London EC2 (please enclose a large fee). Like Clarks, it does five width fittings (A-G fitting has been introduced because feet are becoming wider - further evidence that children's growing bores need to be protected from being squashed).

Worm: The worm has turned at W. H. Smith. They have been re-vamping their stationary image, and among the back-to-school bonanza of brilliant stripes and splashes they have included a distinctly cheeky worm.

With it is shown a red pencil-shaped case containing felt tips, crayons, a stencil set and other writing accessories for £3.99. The colour theme extends to the smart plastic briefcase, also at £3.99.

Footwear for children - points to remember

"I think it is safer to say that badly fitting shoes cause symptoms and high light deformity. It would be difficult to show that they make an otherwise normal foot abnormal."

The nation will put its best foot forward on October 2 when the Foot Health Council starts its first Foot Health Week with a Giant Foot Race across London by Chiropody students.

Children's feet should be checked every three months at least. Good shoe shops will do this without pressure to buy.

Left: Severa hallux valgus with bunion. The first toe underlies the second and can be caused by footwear which is too narrow or too pointed and squashes the toe together.

Centre: Hallus flexus. The toe is plantar flexed, or bent down towards the sole - an advanced form of hallux rigidus where there is no, or only limited, movement of the first metatarsophalangeal joint.

Right: Hammer toe. The first phalanx of the toe is extended and the second hyperflexed. There is often a corn over the prominent first inter-phalangeal joint due to pressure of footwear.

"For years people have believed that badly fitting shoes cause deformity, but I am somewhat doubtful. Certainly they can highlight problems, but hallux valgus - deformity of the big toe - is as common to those who don't wear shoes as to those who do."

The week, sponsored by companies including Clarks, Scholl, Start-rite and Wolsey socks, is the first salvo in a long-term educational drive to improve the state of the nation's feet.

Too-wide fittings are almost as bad as those too narrow. Cramping the toes can contribute to deformities of the bones allowing the foot to slip about can cause toe-bruising, blistering, friction at the heel.

The joints, all socketed, grow in to join tall, and to be in grass with a little shade. Baby Moon is yellow, Sugarbush is white and Susy, the last of the jonquills to flower, is a rich yellow.

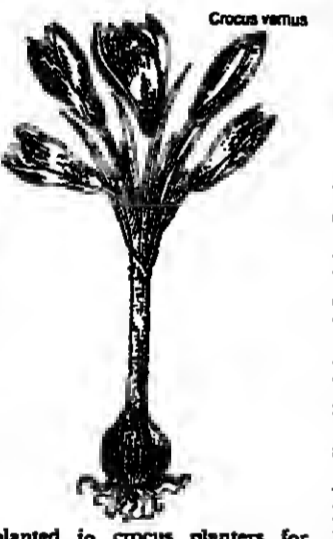
Some plants look untidy when not in flower. The tree peonies are such plants. They need to be specially sited in the garden as they are susceptible to early morning sun after the cold of the night.

This has been a good year for raspberries. The size of berry was possibly smaller than some years but the size of the crop has not been surpassed. I was able to water mine and I am sure this has made all the difference between success and failure.

IN THE GARDEN

Spring colour, with a little forethought

As the summer draws to a close it is time to think about colour for next spring. Bedding plants are still providing some colour but it will not be long before they need changing, and unless plans are made now you might have nothing to the spring.



more of a cerise red, and Lord Balfour a wine red. Pinks are also favourites: I like the old and true variety Pink Pearl, and a new variety, Apollo, which is slightly deeper but a good acw introduction.

until about mid-May. It is a lovely plant, whose form *altissus* is known as Angel's Tears. The joints, all socketed, grow in to join tall, and to be in grass with a little shade.

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Ripening raspberries: an excellent crop. "Jubilee" runs with absoodon, and *C. corallina odorata* tumbles its small purple flowers over Senecio.

DRINK

Enjoy the last of the summer whites

Perhaps it was my schooldays that instilled in me a feeling about the new year begins in September. It is an illusion I still have, and it certainly holds true in the wine world, for the first of those 1983 grapes will be harvested this month.

sufficient quantities of a good, inexpensive autumnal red. My choice will be an 11.5% vin de table that I happened across earlier this year at one of those vast food and wine fairs at Olympia that almost always turn out to be a complete waste of time. For once this was not, and the deep purple rich, fruity La Cuvée des Gaulois, from the Meridionale cooperative in the Gard, is a winner. Don't be put off by its name; this well-named blend, produced principally from the Grenache and Carignan grapes but rounded off with a little Ciosaut and Syrah, is delightfully easy to drink.



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"Jubilee" runs with absoodon, and *C. corallina odorata* tumbles its small purple flowers over Senecio. Other plants to look for are Lobelia 'Cherry Ripe', *Verbena Bonariensis*, *Dianthus regens*, *Perovskia atriplicifolia*, the most dazzling iridescent blue *Gentiana asclepiadeae* and *Erigeron macro-natus*, which foams over steps near the house, and will do so well into November.

Italy is always a good source of big, bold whites but to find wines that have finesse as well as flavour is notoriously difficult, so I was particularly surprised earlier this year in taste an Italian Chardonnay that had class, style and weight in its mouth. That was the first Chardonnay from the first I had tasted that had any real varietal character. This '80 Chardonnay delle Venezie, bottled by Enofrulla, comes from Italy's cooler, north-eastern Friuli-Venezia Giulia region, right on the border with Yugoslavia.

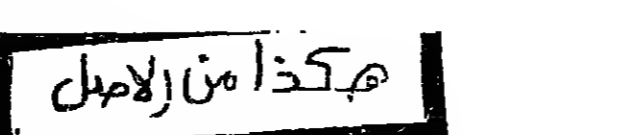
Another pleasant, contrasting wine is the Vinea Linderos Cabernet Sauvignon, a Chilean Cabernet Sauvignon that has been available in this country for some time. Earlier this year a new vintage was released, the '79 (Vintage, £3.50). This Chilean red is made by the Ortiz family of Saucago, in the Maipo river valley and with its deep purple colour and full, fruity, grassy character it also makes a good autumnal red.

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PREVIEW Films

Very American model of a modern G & S

It was once fashionable to ponder whether white men could sing the blues...



Rocking the boat: Kevin Kline, Angela Lansbury and Rex Smith in the Pirates of Penzance

Gilbert and Sullivan's rather slight tale of Cornish sea-devels was revived by Joseph Papp in New York...

maintained for the film. Like the show, it may still prove a little too pop for purists...

There is a chance to test this proposition next week, when BBC1 is showing a special television version of The Godfather...

showing of the series opens so far. Enthusiastic Gilbert and Sullivan fans can buy other parts of the series on video...

David Hewson

The Pirates of Penzance opens at the Classic Shaftesbury Avenue, London (TS4 5414) on Thurs.

Critics' choice

- BLACK ORPHEUS (PG) Barbican, Cinema One (928 8795) until Sept 21...

- FANNY AND ALEXANDER (15) Cornet Notting Hill (727 6706)...

- THE LEOPARD (PG) Granada Notting Hill (221 6220/272 5750)...

- Oshima's cool, penetrating version of Sir Laurence van der Post's novel The Seed and the Sower...

Films on TV

Hardly had it reached the cinema that a sequel was announced, and The Godfather Part II duly came out in 1974...

The main change for television was to tell the story of the Corleone family over 60 years in chronological order...

Films on TV

The latest, ultra-sophisticated instalment of George Lucas's Star Wars saga...



Mafia Dallas: Marlon Brando and Talia Shire in the first Godfather

significant differences. For one thing, they take no moral stand, as the earlier gangster movies did...

his considerable skill at building and sustaining sequences and his facility with actors...

Peter Waymark

Also recommended: Sing as We Go (1934): Splendid Gracie Fields vehicle...

Rock & Jazz

- CHUCK BERRY Tonight, Peterborough Embankment, Lincs...

- JOHN HIATT Wed, Half Moon, 93 Lower Richmond Road, London SW15...

Concerts

- IF VERSES HAD WINGS Tonight, 7.30pm, Wigmore Hall, 38 Wigmore Street, London W1...



Key players: Marielle and Katia Labèque, on the hill at Edinburgh's Usher Hall, Monday

- The Hertfordshire County Youth Orchestra play Elgar's Cockaigne Overture...

- Schoenberg's Gurrelieder. The huge forces demanded make this work a rarity...

- WEIN, VIOLA, VALSE Wed, 7.30pm, Albert Hall...

Opera

- ENGLISH NATIONAL OPERA This week sees the revival, for the first time since its 1977 premiere...

- CARDIFF Welsh National Opera's new season at Cardiff's New Theatre starts this week...

- THE GLOSSIES Impressionist Gallery, 17 Collyer Quay, York (0504 54724)...



Lens spectacle: Cornell Lucas's picture of cameramen at the Epsom Derby in 1952

- WILLIAM EGGLESTON Victoria and Albert Museum, Henry Cole Wing, Cromwell Road, London SW7 (589 6371)...

- EL SALVADOR Side Gallery, 9 St. Leonards, Newcastle upon Tyne (0632 222205)...

Dance

- ZEMLINSKY Mon, 8pm, Usher Hall, Edinburgh...

Dance

- NEW YORK CITY BALLET Covent Garden (240 1068) today, 2pm and 7.30pm...

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- THE GLOSSIES Impressionist Gallery, 17 Collyer Quay, York (0504 54724)...

CONCISE CROSSWORD (No 140)

Prizes of the New Collins Concise English dictionary will be given for the first two correct solutions opened on Thursday, September 8, 1983...

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Domestic rates: Bank base rate 9% Finance houses base rate 10%

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TODAY

Interims: Barclay's Bank, Ldntho. Finals: Acrow (amended), Peter Black Holdings.

NOTEBOOK

Hamilton Oil GB, one of the smaller exploration companies spawned by the North Sea, saw its interim pretax profits fall by \$3.9m to \$25m.

Drinks retailer is wound up

The cut price wine and spirit retailers Augustus Barnett and Son went into liquidation yesterday with total debts of £13.5m.

Langoni protests over tough IMF demands Brazil debt agreement undermined as central bank chief resigns

The sudden resignation of Brazil's central bank president, Senator Carlos Langoni, sent shock waves through banking circles yesterday.

bank in 1980 and was a key figure, with Senator Antonio Delim Neto, the Planning Minister, and Senator Erasmo Calvetti, the Finance Minister, in the debt negotiations.

commercial bank loans and eventually more money from the IMF. One New York banker said that his unexpected departure called into question whether the letter of intent could be signed by that date.

resigned in 1979 and is now chairman of Volvo do Brazil. He said to Austria yesterday that default by Brazil was virtually inevitable under the present system of rescheduling.

'Right to be paid cash should stay'

Employees should retain the right to be paid in cash rather than by cheque or direct credit, the National Consumer Council has told the Government.

The council has told the Government that while it is right to encourage payment of wages into bank accounts, it would be entirely wrong for people to be compelled to have a bank account.

Brengreen bids for Sunlight as cleaning battle intensifies

The cleaning companies' battle for pole position ahead of the Government's privatization of hospital and local authority cleaning operations began in earnest yesterday when Brengreen (Holdings) announced a £33m takeover offer for Sunlight Services.

Sunlight earlier this week announced a bid for troubled Spring Grove, a laundry and linen hire group, in competition with Pritchard Services which had, a week earlier, reached agreement to takeover Spring Grove.

US deal for United Newspapers

The companies also expect the Office of Fair Trading to refer the three bids to the Mergers and Monopolies Commission. The commission blocked attempts at a merger in the clearing sector last June.

United Newspapers Half-year/30.5.83 Pretax profit £4.5m (£3.3m) Statutory earnings 12.7p (8.4p) Turnover £53.2m (£47.1m)

Cope seeks ruling on Hawley offer

The board of Cope Allman International, the packaging and leisure group, yesterday expressed its concern over the Takeover Panel ruling which allowed Hawley Group to make a tender offer for shares in Cope Allman to take to 29 per cent.

The Takeover Panel says that it has been given firm assurances that Mr Ashcroft and Mr Wickins are not acting together. However, Mr Manson said: "We have been

New oil well boosts hopes in Australia

Melbourne (Reuters) - The Jabiru One, a well about 300 kilometres off the north-west tip of Australia, could hold more than 100 million barrels and could join Bass Strait and Cooper Basin as an important oil-producing region, analysts said yesterday.

Broken Hill Proprietary Company said a wireline formation in the well recovered 2,600 cubic centimetres (cc) of oil, 800cc of water and 7.8 cubic feet of gas from a depth of 1,602 metres.

Airline shooting lifts US defence shares

New York (AP-Dow Jones) - Stocks moved higher in early trading yesterday as investors prepared for the long Labour Day holiday weekend and waited for the government's latest money supply figures.

General Electric was at 50%, unchanged; General Motors 72 1/2, up 1/2; Ford 59 1/2, up 1/2; Chrysler 23, up 1/2; Texas Instruments 115 1/2, down 1/2; American Telephone & Telegraph 65 1/2, unchanged; International Business Machines 119, up 1/2; Merck 92 1/2, up 1/2; Honeywell 121, down 1/2.

Mr Stewart McKibbin, of Melbourne-based A C Gowrie and Co, said: "The sands are absolutely fantastic. It has textbook oil reserves like the Middle East and North Sea."

Judges and lawyers to settle trade disputes Arabs welcome arbitration panel

Sir Richard Beaumont, formerly the British ambassador in Morocco, Iraq and Egypt, will shortly name a dozen judges and lawyers to arbitrate in trade disputes between Britain and the Arab world.

Switzerland will work along lines of an arbitration service established by the Franco-Arab Chamber seven years ago. Sir Richard recently briefed New York and Chicago chambers about how they can set up an American equivalent.

Trade relations are by no means something with rows, he stressed. "But given the size of business today, a clearly defined arbitration and arbitration service is sensible for all concerned."

City Editor's Comment Why the Bank was busy doing nothing

The figures for the change in Britain's gold and foreign currency reserves during August are not, to be frank, terribly exciting. For the month, they rose by just \$69m (£44.8) to just under \$18,000m (£11,688m) and after netting out new public sector borrowing and repayments, the rise is a nagging \$28m (£18m).

It is now generally accepted that letting the pound rise so fast in 1981 was both unnecessary and heavily damaging to industry. At the same time it is now becoming equally clear that a fall in sterling to aid industry would be equally daft.

Indeed the pound, although it fell 2 1/2 cents against the dollar over the month, proved one of the world's most stable currencies. Oil, which in the past has alternately boosted and undermined sterling, is a balanced market and, since it is denominated in dollars, provided ballast for the pound.

Our exports to the United States are doing well, partly no doubt because of the favourable exchange rate, but mainly because of the rapid recovery of the American economy. By contrast, exports to sluggish Europe and cash-starved developing countries have been poor.

Profit-taking hits dollar

Soviet bankers shunned the foreign exchange markets yesterday where trade was quiet and the dollar eased back from initial high levels on profit taking.

Interest switched to the forecast of US money supply figures. The dollar was quoted at 2.6995 against the Mark and closed 1.4955 against Sterling.

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PAYE Counting the cost of confusion over a couple's joint income

Pay As You Earn and then pay again. That is the nasty shock that comes in one sixth of income tax payers on PAYE.

Mr and Mrs McLaren of Kentworth, Warwickshire, were baffled by a demand for nearly £500. The firm detailing their tax affairs for 1981/82, which accompanied the demand, was unclear about why the McLaren's found themselves in arrears.

Mrs McLaren, who teaches English at a girls' independent school, asks: "Why are the income tax authorities not obliged to enclose an explanation as to how the underpayment has arisen? We declare our salaries honestly, have no hidden assets and humbly accept the rating given to us each year."

The McLaren's were also peeved because they had discovered that their application for separate taxation was too late. The option of separate taxation closes on April 5 in the year after the year under review. For example, this year was the cut-off for the tax year 1981/82.

The Inland Revenue, on the other hand, is allowed six years to settle tax assessments except in cases of fraud or negligence when there is an time limit.

If the McLaren's had been allowed separate taxation they would have been able to cut their tax bill by about £250. The root of the McLaren's problem was that singly their salaries were liable only to basic rate tax, but added together their income made them liable for higher rates of tax.

Mr McLaren, an English teacher at Warwick University, earned £12,062 in 1981/82, but after personal allowances and mortgage relief his taxable income was below the £11,250 cut-off for basic rate tax. Mrs McLaren earned £7,582.

But their joint income of £19,644 minus £4,560 allowances left them with £15,084 of taxable income which takes them from 30 per cent basic rate income tax, through 40 per cent to 45 per cent at the margin.

has got to see that the tax is paid. If there is absolute inability to pay, the collectors have got to come to some sort of arrangement."

The "Notice of Assessment and Statement of Tax Unpaid or Overpaid" form which sets it all out can be even more confusing than the assessment. Although all the relevant figures are tabulated the discrepancy between the PAYE assessment and the final assessment is not set out.

"The forms are constantly being looked at," the Revenue spokesman says. "We are always trying to find ways of making the forms less confusing. They are as simple - or non-complicated - as they can be, given the complexity of the tax system," he says. But as Mrs McLaren says: "If you do not understand how you have managed to owe back tax when tax is deducted at source under PAYE, you are hardly likely to grasp the relevance of the few cryptic figures in an Inland Revenue assessment for under payment of tax."

Vivienne Goldsmith

FAMILY MONEY MARKET

Current account - no interest paid. Deposit accounts: Midland, Barclays, Lloyds, Natwest 6 per cent, seven days notice required for withdrawals. Lloyds extra interest 9 3/4 per cent. Monthly income account Natwest 9 1/4 per cent. Fixed term deposits £2,500-£25,000 - 1.3 and 6 months 6 1/2 per cent. Rates quoted by Barclays. Other banks may differ.

MONEY FUNDS

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US dollar 8.88 per cent. G.Mark 6.50 per cent. French Franc 4.15 per cent. Swiss Franc 11.47 per cent. 2.95 per cent.

July RPI: 336.5 (The new RPI figure is not announced until the third week of the following month.)



Mr Roger Lewis, Treasurer of the London Taxi Drivers Association Credit Union, discusses loan arrangements with cabbie, Mr David Smith.

Credit unions

Cabbies fare well with instant loans

No fuss, instant loans are what everyone wants. This is the facility available to London taxi drivers who join the credit union run by the Licensed Taxi Drivers' Association (LTDA).

The LTDA union is now probably the biggest of the credit unions which started after the passing of the 1979 Credit Union Act. Popular overseas, particularly in Canada and the United States, where reportedly up to a third of the population belongs to one, they are simple savings and loan organizations, owned and run by their members along the lines of a building society.

Many of the fledgling credit unions in Britain have hit problems with bad debts and poor management. We wrote several weeks ago how several have been told to build everything until they get themselves sorted out.

The LTDA union, however, seems to have the right combination of efficient management and coherent membership to achieve success.

Now 1,200 cabbies are using the union instead of a bank, attracted by simple withdrawals, easily arranged loans and an interest rate, paid annually as a dividend, which is presently 6 per cent. Loans are restricted under the Act to a maximum of £2,000 on which the union charges interest of one per cent a month on the balance outstanding. Usually it allows borrowings of up to twice the amount saved but smaller amounts can be raised above this ratio.

Mr Roger Lewis, the treasurer of the LTDA union says he has only two 'problem' borrowers on

his books at the moment which is not bad going on loans outstanding of £220,000. "And I've got a field worker after them," he said.

Mr Lewis aged 40, is a big fan of the credit union idea, which he got from a magazine article on the very big operation run by the League of Mutual Taxi Owners in New York which has been going since 1934 and has US\$15m: out on loan.

He runs the union virtually single handed from the LTDA's rather scruffy offices near Westbourne Park. This is also the base of his loans committee, all of whom work for the Association, know their members well and are in regular touch with them.

"This is why it works. If we don't know a chap who wants a loan we ask for a guarantor who'll be another member that we do know," says Mr Lewis. The other important thing is "they know that to knock the union is to knock their own business. To be a cab proprietor you've got to be 100 per cent kosher". A bad payer could find problems when it comes to renewing his cabbies' badge.

For cab drivers the ready availability of loans is very important. "If they need money, most working guys want it now, not next week," David Smith, a cabbie aged 50, points out. He has been paying, with his partner, a regular £80 a month into the Union since it started.

Their main aim is to have the cash available for running repairs and regular overhauls on their cabs. Days spent waiting for the cash for such purposes can, he points out, mean days out of work for the driver with a garaged vehicle.

The yearly overhaul costs £150 or more and Mr Smith also reckons to renew his cab every two to three years which means around £2,000 to find after selling the old one.

He used to put a regular amount away in a bank current account. "Then I saw the light. This is a much better deal - you don't get any interest at the bank for a start," he said.

He doubts whether he would have got a loan from his bank either - he never needed one - but has borrowed £500 from the union without any problem.

The purpose of the union is to provide for savers like Mr Smith, but many members borrow for other purposes like holidays, furnishings and the big household bills that can crop up in the lean winter season.

The maximum interest which credit unions are allowed to pay under the Act is 8 per cent but Mr Lewis decided to start cautiously in order to ensure cover for running costs, particularly getting the operation computerised, which he regards as a key feature of its success.

"People running a union on a voluntary basis have to do a lot of paper work which is a very boring, very time consuming chore and this is a problem for some of them," he said.

He uses a system run by the Credit Union League, for 25 pence per member allows him to send figures to the computer twice a month to keep his own accounting up to date, and provides members with a quarterly statement.

Susan Bevan

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Growth portfolio

Investment adviser Mr Peter Hargreaves is recommending four unit trusts for investors needing capital growth and some income.

School fees

A choice between private education and cash lump sum

Cost of School Uniform

Table listing school uniform items and their costs, totaling £208.25.

Which would you rather have had a public school education or £100,000 when you left school? Given this choice most children would undoubtedly choose money...

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Pensions

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A return to money-purchase type pensions - as opposed to final salary types - is advocated by Mr Walter Goldsmith, director-general of the Institute of Directors...

FAMILY MONEY edited by Lorna Bourke

Banking proposals

Proposals to cut the number of banks and the reporting of small judgments in the county courts will not save any public expenditure...

Claims by the Lord Chancellor's Department that cutting banks by 30 per cent to around 780 will save money are completely unfounded...

Proposals to raise the level at which the courts report unpaid judgments from £10 to £50 is criticized by the ICM, which says that the higher level will lead to tougher credit policies and higher costs for credit in the High Street.

Mr Longhurst says as a more attractive investment vehicle, pays 8.25 per cent net of basic rate tax on investments of £1,000 or more with no penalties on withdrawal.

Shares out

Cheltenham & Gloucester Building Society, which effectively broke the building societies' cartel when it introduced its Cheltenham Gold account...

"I cannot believe that investors really want to tie up their money for two years or to give three months' notice and lose a quarter of a year's interest to get their own money back again," Mr Andrew Longhurst, managing director of Cheltenham and Gloucester, said.

The cost to investors of early withdrawal is too often played down in advertising. As an example, an investment of £5,000 withdrawn after one year would lose £113 of the £450 interest earned.

The Cheltenham Gold account, which Mr Longhurst sees as a more attractive investment vehicle...

Extended range

Insurance Legal and General are extending their range of unit trusts with the launch of a new International Managed Trust investing in a selection of international securities...

"We think traders pay for the bank's work and we understand that good service costs money. We are happy to pay a reasonable amount for the job to be done," Mr Paul Mudge, chairman of the ICM, said.

Mr Mudge, ridden by Carol Baker, is the key man who leads graces the proposed forms for both selective horse and horse-plus insurance from Norwich Union.

Courses for horses

Package insurance is fine in most cases, but there are still situations where flexibility is needed. Insuring horses is a tricky business...

Esher Insurance Services, a registered insurance broker which provides the in-house mortgage service for Mann & Co, estate agents.

Esher is offering return of 9.5 per cent basic rate tax paid on building society investments of only a year.

Mr Jeremy Agost, the chairman, explains that the money is invested with smaller societies which pay 8.5 per cent on their ordinary account money and Esher rebates his commission of 1 per cent to the investor...

Maximum interest

A maximum interest bond from Chase de Vere, the investment advisers, pays a guaranteed 2.1 points over the Building Societies Association ordinary share rate of 7.25 per cent...

The differential over the BSA recommended rate is guaranteed but, of course, if building society rates go up or down, the return from the bond will move in line.

Westminster Assurance - a United Kingdom based insurance company - which gives investors full protection under the Policyholders Protection Act. Minimum investment is £2,500 with a £30,000 maximum.

Esher's high return

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Unit trust launch

A new unit trust from the Crown stable was launched yesterday. Crown Target Fund aims to maximize capital growth through investment in the United States market and will have an initial starting yield of 1.47 per cent.

Crown also runs a Growth Trust and High Income Trust.

Guaranteed offer

If you are prepared to tie up your savings for 10 years, Providence Capital is offering a guaranteed return of 9 per cent, net of basic rate tax. Investments are returned in full at the end of 10 years.

The bond is available to anyone between the ages of 18 and 55. Minimum investment is £2,500 and income is paid annually, but for investments of £5,000 or more, you can opt to take the income half-yearly.

The full amount of the original investment is refunded if the investor dies before the ten-year period.

Henderson wins

Top performing unit trust group in each year over one to seven in Henderson Administration, according to figures published by Financial Savings magazine.

This figure is the performance of all trusts in the leading 15 group.

Free money offer

Child savers are the newest target of the banks and Barclays is promoting its scheme in a big way. In a link with Procter and Gamble, the household products manufacturer, Barclays is offering up to five "savings" vouchers, worth £1 each, to children who collect "proof of purchases" labels from Procter and Gamble products and open a Supersavers account with Barclays.

For each "proof of purchase" label from Ariel, Ariel Automatic, Fairy Liquid, Lenor and Crest toothpaste, the child must deposit £1 in the Supersaver account and the bank will then match it, pound for pound, up to a maximum of £5.

The free money and matching deposit must stay in the account for a minimum of six months. If it is withdrawn, the child receives only his own deposit. Interest on the account is the same as for seven-day deposits, 8 per cent. This does not compare with Lloyds, which pays 8 per cent on its children's savings account.

Fires, flat tyres and damned statistics

One house in every 28 was a target for criminals last year; a house is broken into every 90 seconds; one in 30 homeowners suffers fire damage each year and a fire occurs every two minutes in Britain. These sobering statistics come from General Accident as part of its campaign to persuade homeowners to obtain adequate cover.

"Last year, according to the British Insurance Association, household burglary cost insurers a staggering £437.9m. General Accident says: "In 1982, our own theft claims from private houses cost us £17m - up 30 per cent over £13m in 1981."

Motorists seem just as vulnerable. "If present trends continue, two out of every nine General Accident motor policyholders will make a claim in 1983, compared with two out of every 11 in 1981." A surprising 1.5 million motorists have no insurance and are driving illegally.

British Road Federation figures reveal that the average cost of a fatal accident increased to £149,200 in the six years to 1981 - up 72 per cent. Estimates of the cost of these accidents in 1981 were: lost out-pays, £660m; police and administration, £160m; medical and ambulance, £208m; damage to property, £820m.

The Department of Transport says: "Over 13.5 million cars are subject to compulsory annual Ministry of Transport testing. Of the 5 million which fail, about one fifth are failing because of defective brakes."

Faulty steering accounts for 16.6 per cent of failures, lights, 13.46 per cent and dangerous tyres, 5.7 per cent.

Tax-efficient savings for those who can wait

Investments in friendly societies are very tax efficient. Tax relief at the 15 per cent life assurance rate is allowed on the premiums paid, and the friendly society itself, like a pension fund, is a tax-free fund. Your investment should roll up rather faster than with a conventional, tax-paying, insurance company fund.

Family Assurance has gone one better in a tie up with Norwich Union which gives you the opportunity of funding annual premiums on a family assurance scheme with a lump sum investment with Norwich Union.

A lump sum investment of £1,725 is enough to fund the 10 annual premiums of £226.10 (£2,261 over the full term) for a family bond. Based on a fairly modest projected growth rate for the family bond of 12 per cent a year, the initial lump sum investment would be worth £4,426 at the end of the 10-year.

The first annual premium on the policy is taken directly from the policyholder's lump-sum investment and the balance is used to buy a temporary annuity from Norwich Union which will pay out an annual sum sufficient to meet the remaining premiums under the family assurance policy. The return on the annuity is a net 6.6 per cent.

Anyone contemplating an investment must bear in mind that friendly society investments are for a minimum of 10 years. If you want to cash in before that, the society is not allowed to pay out any more than the value of your premiums already paid.

Advertisement for Oppenheimer American Growth Trust, featuring a graph showing 298% growth in two years and a list of investment managers.

Get in on the ground floor

You may have noticed our recent advertisements in this newspaper for the new Oppenheimer American Growth Trust.

If so, you'll be aware of one vital fact: The portfolio team that have shown such spectacular success with our Target Fund in the U.S. now have day to day responsibility for the American Growth Trust too.

By any standards, 298% growth in just two years is an impressive track record. And one that we are determined to maintain for the new American Growth Trust.

Obviously, the best time to invest in such a fund is at the very start. In other words, now.

Every indication shows that, within the American economy, there is plenty of room for growth.

And, while the value of the fund can go down as well as up, first signs are that the American Growth Trust is already beginning to live up to expectations.

Brokers themselves have been amongst the most avid supporters of the Trust, whose value already stands at over £8 million. So make sure you invest now. If you don't, in twelve months time you may be kicking yourself.

Oppenheimer American Growth Trust application form, including fields for name, address, and investment amount, plus a disclaimer.

Alcan makes the most of aluminium boom

News that Alcan Aluminium of Canada is seeking to raise upwards of C\$2.5bn (£135m) by placing 7 million shares in Canada, the United States and Europe is symptomatic of the sharp revival in investment interest that the aluminium industry has experienced over the past year.

It was only 14 months ago that Alcan shares were trading at a low of around C\$21. But recently they hit an all-time peak of C\$49. Followers of the Loozoo Metal Exchange have watched in amazement as the price of aluminium has soared to the unprecedented position where, at around £1,100 a tonne, the metal costs more than copper.

The reason for this is not so much that there has been a big revival in demand for aluminium, though there are plenty of indications that this might indeed occur over the next two to three years, but that the smelting industry, which is run worldwide by a few giant companies, was extremely hard-nosed in cutting capacity in the early years of the recession.

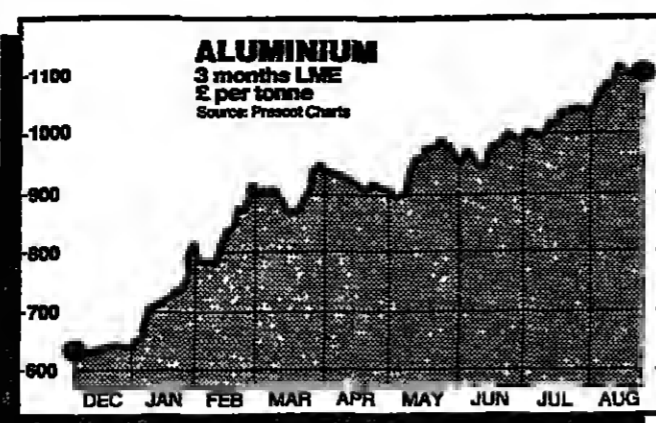
But the industry's enthusiasm got the better of it. Now it does not have enough capacity left to satisfy even today's by-no-means buoyant demand. With the metal price rising daily, the industry's earnings look likely to soar and its constituent companies are rapidly taking their big investment projects off.

Nevertheless, there is more to the rise in Alcan's share price than the sudden turnaround in the fortunes of the industry. With extensive hydro-electric concessions in eastern and western Canada, Alcan has the lowest power cost base of all the big producers.

This enabled it, even during the very depths of the recession, to achieve 32 per cent capacity utilization when most marginal cost producers such as Alcoa, for so long considered the blue chip of the sector, were forced to sink below 70 per cent.

In other words, it is argued, success in aluminium is much more to do with power costs than location and technology. Hence recent moves by Alcoa to expand from the States into low power cost areas of the world where Alcan has for long had capacity smelting.

The half year results from Hamilton Oil GB yesterday do not give much of a clue to the company's future prospects with most of the smaller exploration companies. The figures show that



pretax profits were down from £13m to £9.1m, largely reflecting anticipated lower production from the Argyle field in the North Sea, the company's major producing asset. Oil prices were also in the red.

Since the company acquired the exploration portfolio of its sister company Hamilton Oil International in March, however, its share price has steamed ahead from 125p to yesterday's closing price of 213p. At that level it is just 12p off the year's and indeed the all-time high.

The advance reflects both the general improved climate for oil prices and North Sea development activity, and Hamilton's own success with drilling on its Bruce and Argyle prospects in the North Sea. The company has submitted plans to develop the

Duncan field and is likely to gain approval soon, as well as for the Bunter complex of gas fields in the southern sector of the North Sea.

The effect of all this heightened activity will be to help guarantee some continuity of earnings power from 1985 onwards, when the original Argyle field will be in full decline, as a producing asset.

But the key to the company's share price in the immediate future is likely to be results from the latest well on the Bruce gas condensate field. Tests on a possible extension to the field are expected to be announced this month.

The shares have rallied to the point where they are now only at a modest discount to their estimated asset value.

Church

Church & Co Half-year/year to 30-6-83 Pretax profit £1,055m (£851,000) Stated earnings 46p (7.5p) Turnover £29.1m (£21.47m) Net interim dividend 3p (2.5p) Share price 320p + 25p Yield

Church & Co, the Nottingham based maker and retailer of top range shoes, seems to be moving off the recession plateau on which it has sat for three years.

Ironically, for a company earning around 29 per cent of profits from the US, its improved performance in the first half has not come directly from the depreciated pound. The benefit to Church of the strong dollar was the food of American tourists who are boosting sales in Church's London stores.

So in the six months to the end of June, pretax profits more than doubled, from £81,000 to £1,055m, earned on sales which rose from £17.47m to £20,14m.

The figures topped best expectations of analysts and pushed the shares up 25p to a 320p, a record for the year. Analysts are now suggesting full year profits of around £2.6m against a previous £1.85m. Church's pockets will also be warmed by Church raising the dividend 20 per cent to 3p. A similar increase in the final dividend would give a net total payment this year of 11.4p. But it is more likely Church will pay a

further 1/2p making 10 1/2p total for the year.

Church cautions those who think this year's profits are likely to return to the consumer boom levels of 1979 when they peaked at £2m. The company points out, however, that 1984 should reflect the benefit of rationalization of the group and its phased introduction of some fashion footwear, appealing to the younger buyer.

Retail shares in the UK, patchy because of the wet spring and more recent hot summer, are still ahead of 1982. The second half is traditionally the better profit producer for Church, 32 years as a family dominated public company. It is showing encouraging signs of sustained growth.

Stock Futures

The biggest contemporary market craze in America is not Wall Street, commodities or even money funds. It is stock index futures. But while exchanges across the nation are scrambling to have their proposals accepted by the regulatory authorities, in Britain the idea is still confined to a small band of cognoscenti.

Pressure is mounting, however, and officially and unofficially the idea is being aired at the London International Financial Futures Exchange.

Among the most interested parties are, perhaps not surprisingly, the jobbers, for whom the idea to lay off the risks inherent in carrying lines of stock is hardly to be missed.

WALL STREET

Table of Wall Street market data including stock prices, changes, and volume for various companies and indices.

Hamilton Oil

Hamilton Oil GP Half-year/year to 30-6-1983 Pretax profit £9,06m (£13,04m) Stated earnings 70p (122.8p) Turnover £19,145m (£20,223m) Net interim/final dividend none Share price 223p Yield n/a Dividend payable 1/4

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Swedish firm to invest \$15m in US offshoot

New York - Pharmacia AB (formerly AB Fortia), the Swedish medical sciences company, has filed a registration statement with the Securities and Exchange Commission relating to the public offering of 2 million American depositary shares, representing 1 million of its own-restricted "B" shares.

The offering is planned to be made as soon as possible after the registration statement becomes effective and will be underwritten by a group managed by Morgan Stanley and Co.

The 2 million American depositary shares to be offered reflect the company's previously-announced two-for-one split of its American depositary shares.

Pharmacia is an international company based in Sweden which develops, produces and sells separation products and techniques, diagnostics and pharmaceuticals. It is a leader in the development and supply of chemicals, apparatus and systems for the separation or purification of biological substances.

COMPANY NEWS IN BRIEF

Sheilken Jones Year to 31-3-83 Pretax profit £944,000 (£860,000) Stated earnings 11.2p (13.3p) Turnover £17.1m (£13.4m) Net dividend 4.35p (3.9p)

R and H Hall Half-year to 30-6-83 Pretax profit £1.2m (£865,000) Stated earnings 5p (3.9p) Turnover £75.8m (£76.1m) Net interim dividend 1p (0.75p)

Alexanders Holdings Half-year to 31-3-83 Pretax loss £91,000 (£57,000) Loss per share 0.33p (0.22p) Turnover £250m (£208m) Net interim dividend None

Whitworth Electric (Holdings) Year to 31-3-83 Pretax profit £483,000 (£890,000) Stated earnings 9.2p (15.5p) Turnover £15.8m (£15.1m) Net dividend 30.2p (same)

COMMODITIES

Table of commodity prices for various goods including oil, rubber, and metals.

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Marine Midland acquisition

New York (NYT) - The Marine Midland Bank is in the process of acquiring Carroll McEntee & McGinley Incorporated, a primary dealer in the government securities market.

Advertisement for BUCKMASTER & MOORE investment management services, featuring a logo and contact information.

Advertisement for BASE LENDING RATES, listing various banks and their interest rates.

Large advertisement for John Govett Unit Trusts, featuring a logo and details about overseas trusts.

Advertisement for BASF Aktiengesellschaft Rights Issue, including contact details and terms.

Advertisement for R.J. Temple & Company, featuring a large '10% p.a.' graphic and details about investment services.

Large advertisement for SMC (Stock Market Confidential) featuring 'How to turn £500 into £2,150 on the Stock Market in just six weeks' and a 'FREE PRIZE DRAW WIN £2000'.

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FOOTBALL: 100 PER CENT RECORDS MAY NOT SURVIVE THE WEEKEND

Gunners firing at the fortress

After a mere three hours only Arsenal, Aston Villa, Nottingham Forest and West Ham United have yet to drop a point in the first division. By tonight all four records might have been broken, along with the promise of an early breakthrough in the championship race.



Archibald: painful exit



Ramsbottom: veteran

considered relegation candidates, are the only club of the successful Arsenal at home but they will not care to dwell too long on the memory of last season's corresponding result against Ipswich Town. They lost 6-0. Larry Lloyd, their new manager, is confident that "history will not repeat itself".

Burkshaw. Now one of his main targets, Brazil, is injured and the other, Archibald, yesterday asked for a transfer.

also been disappointing but White, who was expected to be "reused" at Stock City, keeps his place. Ron Atkinson, believing that there is "no reason for wholesale changes", is forced to make one. Clidman comes in for the injured Durbury, the only representative to appear in all 60 games last season.

Best a saint?

George Best is wanted by the Irishman League club, St Albans City, whose manager John Mitchell, Best's former Fulham team-colleague, has already spoken with his agent. He also plans talks with Best himself.

Prean not up to the late show

From a Special Correspondent, Bridgetown, Barbados. Carl Prean was unable to repeat his astounding opening day win over Jan-Ove Waldner when the quarter-finals of the World Cup sponsored by Three Fives, took place here yesterday. It was to be expected. After all, Waldner is the Swedish champion, the European youth champion, the world No 3, and the player who, at 17 years old, is widely regarded as the most promising in the world.

At 16, Prean is just beginning to show the signs of becoming a player label curl a little at the edges. People have been disinclined to attach it to the Isle of Wight schoolboy because he looks more like a budding academic than the best prospect England has produced since the 1950s.

Australians' appetite whetted as they miss the dinner gong

From Barry Pickhall, Newport, Rhode Island

Seven seconds: that was the margin by which John Bertrand and his crew on Australia II missed their first "five-minute dinner" - a night out at the best restaurant in town, promised by their syndicate boss, Alan Bond, to celebrate their first win by a five-minute margin in this America's Cup series.

Victory, with the triple Olympic medal winner, Rodney Pattison, taking over the helm from Lawrie Smith on the off-wind legs, pulled back 16 seconds on the following run, but had no answer to Australia's better pointing ability on the final beat, which sailed away to victory almost five minutes ahead.

On Wednesday, Commander Bob Pepler, a meteorological officer with the Royal Navy, seconded to the Victory syndicate, who has been studying weather patterns off Newport for the past two years, got it just right. The result was that the heavy weather mainmast and medium genoa, cut to a very full shape and chosen by Victory's crew for the day, powered her through the choppy conditions in Rhode Island Sound much better than the faster sails hoisted on Australia II.

The Victory team have on ready answer to Australia's greater speed upwind in the light conditions for they are hoedrigged, just like the two American triallists with 5,000lb greater displacement and a larger wetted area, which increases friction. The addition of wings at the mast, which the Americans are experimenting with at present, to increase hydrodynamic lift in the hope of matching Australia's better pointing ability, only increases this wetted area, further negating any advantage that might be gained as the Victory team found when they experimented with bolt-on wings two weeks ago.

It would appear that main hopes of Victory living up to her name in the remaining five heats of this final elimination series rest with the conditions and the skill of her back-up team of specialists in predicting the wind. The light forecast performs best in a 12 to 17 knot medium breeze and a lumpy sea, the conditions met in their first match race on Wednesday when the British yacht won by 13 seconds. Then, correct choice of sails outweighed any advantage Australia may have gained from her secret winged keel and lower wetted area. The choice between the 30 to 40 good sails cut to suit specific wind and sea conditions held for each 12

RUGBY UNION: HOME INTERNATIONAL POSERS

Ghost squads may haunt the selectors

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

The selectors of all four home countries (not to mention France) will find themselves in an invidious position during the first half of the 1983-84 season. They cannot do anything but choose one team they would like to field in the international championship and a second team they may be forced to field should the proposed professional tournament become fact. It has often been said that selectors choose several "show" XV's but this time the shadows have a hard outline.

exciting seasons in the history of the game. It would involve the award of full international status to young players who have still not finished their apprenticeship in the game but, since all the leading countries would be similarly afflicted, that would not necessarily be bad for the amateur game.

The grass roots strength of rugby union is huge. The Rugby Football Union, for example, is developing the links between the schools and clubs governing bodies, working to replace the dents left in schoolboy rugby by changes in the educational system.

look forward to the next 100 years. One of the great attractions of rugby union, in a world of increasing commercialisation, is the amateurism which is built into its regulations.

Plymouth back to reality

Plymouth United enjoyed one of their most successful seasons in the South and South-West merit table to take third place last April behind Bath and Bristol. David Hands writes. Alison began the new season with a win too, beating Public School Wanderers 16-13 on Thursday, but they may find Bath Recreation Ground a more difficult venue today.

A handful of Lions delay the start to the season, among them Melville, the new Wasps captain, who has a knee injury and cannot play against Maccles. Nor can the new recruit from Coventry, Davies, but at Blackheath, although the second stand-off of Wasps are pleased to have Williams, who has made a remarkable recovery from an ankle, badly broken in February when a scarp of railway track fell on it.

County line extends for Fulham

By Keith Macklin

The Lancashire and Yorkshire Cup provide clubs with an early breather from the League championship this weekend. Fulham, granted admission to the Lancashire Cup as a result of making up the numbers as for any other reason, would wish for better luck than a first round trip to Salford. Warrington, the cup holders, do not have to take a task at Blackheath, although the second division side have taken five league points from the first six. The top Lancashire game is at Widnes where the unbeaten home side expect to be fit to play against Wigan.

Kidd brothers worthy champions

A south-westerly gale prevented racing on the final day of the International 14ft world championship at Falmouth, Cornwall. The series was thus reduced from six races to five, with each crew counting their best four to determine the overall champion. John Kidd and Hugh Kidd, the brothers, Jamie and Hugh Kidd of Canada, therefore, took the title. It is a pity that the runners-up,

Chris Benedict and Matt Blake, of the United States, and the third-placed crew, Philip Morrison and Gary Grotel, of Britain, were denied the opportunity to have a final attempt at unseating the champions.

The same weather conditions led to the postponement yet again of the first race in the Tornado catamaran world championship at Hayling Island.

British women win third pentathlon

Britain won their third successive team crown in the women's modern pentathlon world championships in Gothenburg, Lynn Chorobryw, of Canada, took the individual title, outperforming former world champion, Anne Ahlgren, of Sweden, when she finished second in the final event, the two-kilometre cross-country. Miss Ahlgren, who won the individual title in London two years ago, had led throughout the first four events but she managed only sixteenth place in each of the last two disciplines - shooting and cross-country. Miss Chorobryw, aged 20, ninth in the shooting, was second in the cross-country in 6 min 48 sec, 13 seconds

behind Teresa Purton, of Britain. United States, who seized the team lead after the fourth event from Sweden and Britain, slipped back to fifth behind Britain (14,050), West Germany (14,070), Sweden (14,709) and Canada (14,552).

ATHLETICS: Steve Overt, who is to make another attempt at recapturing his world 1,500 metres record in Rieti, Italy, tomorrow, could well decide to take on the mile - and a crack at Sebastian Coe's world record of 3min 47.35sec - in the IAC Coca-Cola meeting at Crystal Palace on September 9.

A large financial table with multiple columns and rows, containing data on unit trusts, share prices, and other financial metrics. The table is organized into several sections, including 'Unit Trust Prices - change on the week', 'Share Prices', and 'Financial Data'. It includes numerous entries with numerical values and brief descriptions of the funds or assets.

RACING: VERNONS SPRINT CUP AT HAYDOCK/PRIX DU MOULIN AT LONGCHAMP

Habitibi to reign supreme as sprinting queen

By Michael Seely

Habitibi can stake her claim towards being voted 'sprinting queen' of the year by winning the Vernons Sprint Cup at Haydock Park this afternoon...

Barry Hills: chance of a Haydock double. Steve Caughan was lucky to escape unhurt after a crashing fall from Chicago Bid in the Bonaparte Sirenia Stakes...

Caughan in lucky escape at Kempton

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Crystal Glitters to outshine star field

The Prix du Moulin de Longchamp tomorrow has attracted the finest field for a mile race in Europe so far this season...

Miss Durie building on her new status

From Rex Bellamy, Tennis Correspondent, New York

Joanna Durie, of Bristol, beat Hanao Inoue, of Japan, 7-5, 6-3, 6-3 in the second round of the United States championships here yesterday...



Miss Durie: in last 32 taken to five sets by relatively obscure opponent...

Her success means that Britain will be represented in the last 32 of both singles. John Lloyd advanced to the same intermediate eminence a day earlier...

Other winners in five sets included Bruce Mansour, Gagliardi, and Lloyd's next opponent, Terry Moor...

Haydock Park

Table of race results for Haydock Park, including 2.15 FLEETWOOD HANDICAP, 2.45 LIVERPOOL HANDICAP, 3.15 MORECAMBE HANDICAP, and 3.45 VERNONS SPRINT CUP.

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Results from Flushing Meadow

Table of rowing results from Flushing Meadow, including 2.15 FLEETWOOD STAKES, 2.45 LIVERPOOL HANDICAP, 3.15 MORECAMBE HANDICAP, and 3.45 VERNONS SPRINT CUP.

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Kempton selections

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Perth

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Thirsk

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Stratford-upon-Avon

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Thirsk selections

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Adenice... Hoffer...

Reasons for optimism... By Hugh Taylor

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Essex denied a clear win by Jefferies and Allott

By John Woodcock

OLD TRAFFORD: Lancashire (4) drew with Essex (6).

Essex needed 162 to win with the weather worsening. By 2.40 even a possibility of a draw had become a possibility.

As it is, Essex, with one match to play, lead Middlesex who have two matches left, by 19 points.

From first thing yesterday Essex were in a race with the weather.

Damp and gloomy end to the Bristol season

By Alan Gibbons

BRISTOL: Gloucestershire (8) drew with Worcestershire (3).

It was a dismal end to the Bristol season. GRIP has been away all week. I inquired whether she was on holiday and was told, "Not exactly."

In the morning Gloucestershire were 72 for three, 170 ahead. They lost a couple more wickets, both to young Newport from High Wycombe.

A quarter of an hour had been lost at the start and the afternoon was punctuated by frequent rain showers.

Marshall cuts through with a hat-trick

Malcolm Marshall continued his magnificent form with a hat-trick for Hampshire against Somerset yesterday but the rain ruined his good work at Totton.

Hampshire were in the driving seat chasing 155 in 192 minutes until the weather took a hold. They reached 41 for one in nine overs before rain ended the match.

SCARBOROUGH: Superb out-cricked brought the New Zealanders a win by 119 runs in the last game of their tour of Britain.

Other scoreboards

Somerset: First innings 221 for 4 (40 min) (1st Innings) 100.

Table with 2 columns: Player, Runs/Wickets. Includes names like J.W. Lloyd, M. Marshall, A. Jones.

FULL OF WICKETS: 1-7, 2-40, 3-7, 4-35, 5-75, 6-81, 7-81, 8-81, 9-81, 10-81.

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CRICKET: A TROPHY AND A TITLE STILL HANG IN THE BALANCE

Nothing to stir Middlesex spirit

By Richard Streeton

HEADINGLEY: Yorkshire (4) drew with Middlesex (4).

Middlesex slipped further behind in the championship race yesterday when rain disrupted what promised to be an exciting finish.

It was a match which gave Yorkshire the remaining champions a target of 340 in 225 minutes, but the weather allowed them only two 50-minute periods of play.

All day the weather bedevilled the efforts of both teams, beginning with rain which started and followed later by an early knock in.

David East has been named wicketkeeper of the year in a scheme organised by Gordon's Gin.

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Bringing the village shop in from the cold

Lifeline is launched to turn tide of closures

By Derek Harris
Commercial Editor

A rescue service for the village shop, under increasing siege from supermarkets and changing consumer habits, has been launched by the Development Commission through its Council for Small Industries in Rural Areas (Cosira).

Advisory and limited financial aid is offered and research is being done to try to prevent the closure of village shops.

About half of the stores in one-shop villages are believed likely to close within five years unless there is some intervention.

In the south-west, the border counties and the north-east about 750 shops are thought to be under immediate threat.

This is on top of widespread closures in recent years: Leicestershire in seven years has seen 100 shops go out of business and in Suffolk in 17 years 137 stores and 43 sub-post offices have closed their doors. In Cornwall and Devon 90 village shops have closed in the past eight years.

The Development Commission is a permanent Royal Commission concerned with the welfare of rural areas. The Department of the Environment will pay half of the bill for the research into shops.

Initial results from training courses for shopkeepers launched by the Development Board for Rural Wales, half funded by grants from the European Social Fund, are said to be promising.

There have been a number of promotional campaigns for the village shop, including one in north Shropshire. Northamptonshire County Council has been running a grant scheme for small rural businesses enabling shopkeepers to buy equipment such as freezers and cash registers.

Mr John White is Cosira's retail officer. He already has three retail consultants working with him. All, including Mr White, have first-hand experience of running small shops.

He believes that too many people with no previous retailing experience are buying village shops, often with redundancy payments, and discovering through harsh experience that



Back in business: Derrick and Margaret Perkins at their thriving shop in Devon. (Photograph: Nick Rogers).

running them is not the idyllic experience they had imagined.

Mr White said: "They come in with dreams in their heads and insufficient capital behind them with no awareness of the practical implications, like the low profit margins, the very long hours, the need for strict administrative discipline to cope with things like VAT and controlling a relatively wide product range."

While big supermarket chains can secure large discounts from suppliers the small retailer, even if a member of a national wholesaling group like Spar, Mace, or Wovy Line, cannot hope to compete on his value prices," Mr White said.

He added: "There is an embarrassing number of village shopkeepers to be seen buying stock at the hypermarkets in the same queue as some of their own villagers."

In the first week they were open for business they took £352. Although Kingston is a "cold

sac" village, off the Plymouth-Kingsbridge main road, it is near the sea and has a public house, so an uplift from summer tourist trade was expected.

Despite the salary from the Post Office we were falling short by £40 to £50 a month. We knew we were up against it."

He enlisted the help of the parish council in a "Your village shop: use it or lose it" campaign. He also called in Cosira: "They ripped us apart - in the nicest possible way."

Mr Almond admits that he gave Mr Perkins a harsh report but he wanted to get him back on the attack. Mr Almond knows his small shops; he runs a tobaccoist, confectionery and newsagent outlet in Truro.

The village used the Perkins' shop over the Christmas period: £2,000 came over the counter in eight days. Mr Almond had turned the Perkins' attention not only to improvements like new shelving displays but lines which brought customers in more regularly, from newspapers and milk to wines and spirits and chilled fresh foods.

But Mr Perkins recalled: "After 12 months we had used up our surplus cash. The overdraft was mounting every week.

Cancelling of village shopkeepers by consultants familiar through personal experience with small shop problems can solve many difficulties and greatly increase efficiency, according to Cosira.

One success story in which a Cosira consultant, Mr Roger Almond, has had a hand is that of Mr Derrick Perkins and his wife Margaret who run the village post office and store in Kingston (pop. 250), south Devon.

As a long-time salesman for H.J. Heinz, from which he had taken voluntary redundancy, Mr Perkins, now aged 48, thought he knew a lot about the grocery business. "We had always holidayed in the West Country so the ideal way to invest our money," he said.

With some expenditure needed to get the property in order, including a four-bedroom

house, a mortgage loan was negotiated. The couple had been told to expect an average weekly turnover of £650 a week.

The emphasis is on personal service, cheese is cut on the board, ham is sliced off the bone, there is no pre-pack bacon and goods can be delivered.

The result has been that last year turnover reached £38,000, or £730 a week on average, with about £20,000 in profit for this year, which would be next far short of £1,000 a week. In the first quarter, takings were up nearly 70 per cent over the same period last year.

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Three drowned at sea as gales rage

By Craig Seton and John Withrow

One yachtsman died and another was rescued by a Navy helicopter after their yacht was swamped by mountainous seas whipped up by gale force winds off the Cornish coast yesterday.

Two helicopter from Royal Navy Air Force Station Culdroe, Cornwall, and a Nimrod aircraft, from Kings in Scotland, flew nearly 100 miles south-west of Land's End to try to find the yacht after a mayday had been sent out. The Adonis Rival was on the return leg of a race from Plymouth to Portugal.

The two men on board were identified as Mr Graham Adams, the skipper, from East Molesey, Surrey, and Mr Brian Wilmot, from Kingston upon Thames. They abandoned ship and were picked up from their liferaft. It was not known last night who had survived.

And off the west coast of Ireland two British tourists drowned at the same place where eight young men attending a pop

concert died last month after they were swept out to sea.

They were hit by a wave while standing on the pier at Doolin, on Clare, and dragged into the Atlantic Ocean. Although a lifeguard threw a rope to the woman, she was unable to hold on.

Falmouth coastguards said that waves were more than 40ft high when the yacht started to sink. Coastguards said that winds reached storm force ten.

Helicopter services from Penzance to the Isles of Scilly were halted and the Scillonian passenger vessel, on its way to the islands from Penzance turned back because of heavy seas.

Off South Wales, two ships salvaging wreckage from the pleasure steamer Prince Vanhalen, which foundered two years ago, were blown from their anchorages in Port Eynon Bay, Gower, and swept almost a mile across the bay onto rocks.

Howe puts forward 5 demands

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The Government would fully support the efforts of the United States and South Korea in bringing the matter before the Security Council as a matter of urgency, a spokesman said.

There was general agreement last night that East-West relations had been soured by the incident, but how deeply seemed to depend upon the speed and substance of the Soviet response to demands for an explanation.

On ITV Mr Denis Healey, Labour's shadow Foreign Secretary, described the incident as a "diplomatic disaster, a human tragedy and a political crime", and later called on the Soviet Union to help in the hunt for survivors.

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Solution of Puzzle No 16,219 and No 16,224. Includes crossword puzzle grids and solutions.

The Times Crossword Puzzle No 16,225

A prize of The Times Atlas of the World (comprehensive edition) will be given for the first three correct solutions opened next Thursday. Entries should be addressed to: The Times, Saturday Crossword Competition, 12 Colney Street, London WC9P 9TT. The winners and solution will be published next Saturday.

The winners of last Saturday's competition are: Mr G. F. Breech, 24 Bedford Road, Messingborough, Bedford; Mrs J. R. Humphreys, 11 Stinson, Skipton, N. Yorkshire; G. F. Barrett, Lion House, 54 Willow Road, Bromsgrove, Worcestershire.

ACROSS and DOWN crossword puzzle grids for puzzle No 16,225.

ACROSS
1 Do keep crow to replace this bird (10).
6 Bound to be a slight advantage (4).
10 The rises awaited by Micawber? (7).
11 Trying to sink, dispatching shot thus? (7).
12 Provide another sort of bridge (9).
13 Man's name for river, sacred one (5).
14 Symbol you need to know (5).
15 Brush-off refers Sidney introducing himself to girl (9).
17 Deal roughly with chap holding North hand (9).
20 Superficial brilliance of county side's opener (5).
21 Relaxation allowed at University (3-2).
23 Such an estate makes payment easy (3, 6).
25 Observe a measure of power, reversing this vehicle (7).
26 Like rag-and-bone firm? By on, means? (7).

Today's events

New exhibitions
Paintings by Fred Wilde, Museum and art gallery, Library Street, Blackpool; Mon to Fri 9.30 to 6, Sat 9.30 to 5 (until Oct 1).
Joseph Pickford - a considerable architect; Workers' Educational Association, St Helens's House, Kings Street, Derby; Mon to Fri 10 to 5; Sat 10 to 6 (until Sept 24).
Pam Skilton: Women in mythology; Museum and Art Gallery, Central Library, Lichfield Street, Walsall; Mon to Fri 10 to 6, Sat 10 to 4.45 (until Oct 1).

The golden age of Richard III, City Museum and Art Gallery, Brunswick Road, Gloucester, Mon to Sat 10 to 5 (until Oct 1).
Ceramics by John Hinchcliffe and textiles by Wendy Barber; Arts Centre, Bedford Street, Salisbury; Mon to Sat 10 to 5.30 (until Sept 30); Tues to Sat 10 to 5.30; (until Sept 30).

Drawings, paintings, and sculpture by Gerald Scarfe; Museum and Art Gallery, John Frost Square, Newport; Open Mon to Thur 10 to 5.30, Fri 10 to 4.30, Sat 9.30 to 4 (until Oct 1).

Last chance to see
Inexpensive and dangerous to build: the history of the old town hall and the development of the market square at Lancaster; City Museum, Market Square, Lancaster; 10 to 5 (ends today).

Paintings by Mike Lawson; Atkinson Art Gallery, Lord Street, Southport; 10 to 1 (ends today).
Spode: 1733-1983; City Museum, Stoke on Trent; 10.30 to 5 (ends today).

Bricks for the history of construction; 3000 years of bricks; Face-actors III: painting, drawing, sculpture, photography, ceramics, and textiles; both at the City Museum and Art Gallery, Priestgate, Peterborough; 10 to 5 (ends today).

Music
Concert by the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra, Usher Hall, Edinburgh, 8.
Music by Ivory Coast Praise Singers, The Royal Scottish Museum, Chambers Street, Edinburgh, 12.

Flamenco guitar and dance music by Delphine y Domingo, BrewHouse Theatre and Arts Centre, Taunton, 7.45.
Cello recital by young performers, Jubilee Hall, Aldeburgh, Suffolk, 5.

Barnmouth Arts Festival: opening concert with the Pagano Trio, Dragon Theatre, Barnmouth, Gwynedd, 8.
Organ recital by Simon Lindley, Leeds Parish Church, 7.30.
Organ recital by Peter Wright, York Minster, 6.

General
Flower Festival to commemorate the bicentenary of the death of Lassell "Capability" Brown, Farnham Parish Church, Farnham, Cambridgeshire, 9.30 to 8 (today and tomorrow).
Plymouth craft and gemstone bazaar, Plymouth Exhibition Centre, Millbay, Plymouth, 11 to 6.
Village fayre, Crawley Downs, Sussex, 2 to 10.30.

Antiques fair, Victoria Rooms, Bristol, 10.30 to 4.30.
Southern County craft market, The Assembly Hall, Tisbury, Wiltshire, 10 to 4.
Salisbury Festival: Salisbury Rifle and Pistol Club open day, Youth Activity Centre, Wilton Road, Salisbury, 1 to 5; Theatre-garden party, Lendallhall School, The Close, 2; children's concert, Salisbury Arts Centre, 2; Concert by the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra, Salisbury Cathedral, 7.30.

Tomorrow

Music
Piano recital by Peter Donohoe, St Thomas's Church, Salisbury, 8.
Melton Toy Soldiers Carnival Band, Belvoir Castle, Leicester, 12.

General
Antiques fair, Belgrave Hotel, Torquay, 10.30 to 4.30.
Alexandra Park family fun day, Alexandra Park, Moss Side, Manchester, 2 to 5.
MG Owners Club open day, Gawsworth Hall, Gawsworth, Macclesfield, 11 to 4.

Victorian cricket match, Wiscombe cricket ground, Somerset, 2 to 6.
Vine Street Metropolitan Police charity gala, Metropolitan Police sports ground, Imber Court, East Molesey, Surrey, 11.30 to 6.

Bring and buy sale, Buckingham Movie Museum, Printers Mews, Market Hill, Buckingham, 1 to 6.
Showbus '83 - 100 years of transport in Britain, Wolves Abbey, Bedfordshire, 9 to 6.

Chatsworth county fair, Chatsworth Park, near Bakewell, Derbyshire, 10 to 6.
Antiques and collectors' fair, Hatfield Polytechnic, Hatfield, Hertfordshire, 10.30 to 6.

Morris dancing, Methodist Church, Messingborough, Northamptonshire, 11; Public Gardens, 12.

Last chance to see
A Victorian gasworks, Biggar Gasworks Museum, Biggar, Lanarkshire; 11 to 5 (ends Sunday).

The Antiques International Association 1933-53; Cartwright Hall, Lister Park, Bradford; 10 to 5.
Paintings and drawings by David Hollinshead; Usher Gallery, Lincoln Road, Lincoln; 10 to 5.
Japanese Theatre Arts, Herbert Art Gallery, Jordan Well, Coventry; 2 to 5.

The Berlin Twenties, drawings and films by Richard Ziegler; Leicestershire Museum and Art Gallery, New Walk, Leicester; 2 to 5.
Exhibition of arts and crafts, Prescot Gallery, Croxted, Bamberly, Oxfordshire; 10 to 5.

The Barnyard show, an exhibition of paintings, drawings, prints and sculpture; Falcon House Gallery, Swan Street, Bexford, Suffolk; 2 to 6.
I am awake in the universe - Michael Calliner, paintings and watercolours 1968 to 1982, The Minories, 74 High Street, Colchester; 2 to 6.

Anniversaries

TODAY: Birth: Matthew Boulton, engineer, Birmingham, 1728; Louis Henry Sullivan, architect, Boston, 1856; Desha; Oliver Cromwell, London, 1658; Ivan Turgenev (old style, Aug 22), Boulogne, France, 1853; Edward Benes, president of Czechoslovakia 1935-48, Sezimovo Ústí, Czechoslovakia, 1948. The Julian calendar was replaced by the Gregorian, this day becoming September 14, 1752. Britain recognized the revolutionaries of Austria, 1824; British North America as a sovereign and independent state, 1783. Britain and France declared war on Germany, 1939.

TOMORROW: Births: Anton Bruckner, Ansfelden, Austria, 1824; Darius Milhaud, composer, Aix-en-Provence, 1892; Death: James Wyatt, architect, Marlborough, Wiltshire, 1813; Edward Grieg, Bergen, Norway, 1907.

Gardens open

TOMORROW
Corwall: Trebartha, North Hill, SW Leamington near junction of B3254 and B3257; woodland area, swan pool, fine trees; 2 to 6.
Dorset: Lankham House, Kennel Lane, Cattistock, 10m NW of Dorchester; 9 acre, very good cottage garden, gravel cover and variegated plants a speciality; plants for sale; 2 to 6.
Durham: Merrybent Gardens, on A67, 2 1/2 m W of Darlington; combined charge for 10 gardens; 9.30 to 5.30 (until Oct 5).
Gloucestershire: Westonbirt School Gardens, Tetbury, off A433 SW of Tetbury; 22 acres, lawns, fine trees and shrubs; 2 to 6.

Everleigh's High Street, Long Wittenham, 4m NE of Didcot; about one acre, woodland, herbaceous, roses, alpine; also Little Place, Clifton Hamdon, combined charge; 2 to 6.

Try to find making cuttings of geranium, fuchsias, hydrangeas and half ripe cuttings of shrubs. Finish hedge trimming now. RH

In the garden

Time now to order or buy locally prepared bulbs of hyacinths and crocuses for flowering at Christmas or shortly after. Indeed one should place the bulb order now, because as bulbs are more expensive than they used to be, the suppliers do not carry vast stocks any more and the varieties you want may be sold out if you order late.

Whitefly is always a pest in the greenhouse and on pot plants indoors. There are various species of whiteflies: one attacks the cabbage family, others by trees and many different plants. Spray with permethrin, malathion or pyrethrum once a week as necessary.

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Roads

Midlands Street carnival in Stowport-on-Severn, near Worcester, 12.30pm to 4pm today; several roads closed. Birmingham Show, Perry Park; today and tomorrow; traffic congestion likely on the A34 Walsall Road and A453 Aldridge Road. M6 Northbound entry slip closed at junction 2 (M69) and Coventry East; M69/M6 junction not affected.

The pound

Bank Bank Buy Sell
Australia \$ 1.77 1.69
Austria Sch 25.25 27.85
Belgium Fr 84.25 86.25
Canada \$ 1.91 1.83
Denmark Kr 15.86 16.56
France Fr 6.57 6.45
Germany DM 12.55 12.80
Greece Dr 147.00 137.00
Hong Kong \$ 11.60 11.00
Ireland P 1.33 1.27
Italy Litra 2490.00 2370.00
Japan Yen 384.00 366.00
Netherlands Gld 4.67 4.45
Norway Kr 11.65 11.08
Portugal Esc 190.50 181.50
South Africa Rd 1.28 1.25
Spain Ptas 124.25 223.25
Switzerland Fr 3.38 3.22
USA \$ 1.53 1.48
Yugoslavia Dnr 207.00 180.00

Retail Price Index: 336.5. London's FT index closed down 2.8 at 705.8.

Weather

An intense depression over E parts will continue moving NE
6am to midnight

London, SE central E England, East Angles, Midlands: Showers, drizzle at times; brighter later; wind W to NW strong to gale; max temp 17 to 18C (63 to 64F).
Wales, SW England, Scotland, Northern Ireland, Shetlands, Orkneys, Hebrides: Rain, drizzle, showers, drizzle, showers, drizzle; strong W to NW gale; max temp 15 to 17C (59 to 63F).
NW England, also Orkney, Isle of Man, SW NW Scotland, Argyll, Northern Ireland: Showers, some larger outbreaks of rain; strong W to NW gale; max temp 15 to 15C (59 to 60F).
Ireland, Manx, Hebrides, NE Scotland, Orkney, Shetlands: outbreaks of rain, bright at times; wind backing NW, fresh to strong; max temp 15 to 15C (59 to 60F).
Outlook for tomorrow and Monday: Unsettled and windy at times with near-normal temperatures.

SEA PASSENGERS: S North Sea. Strait of Dover: Wind SW or W, severe gale, increasing storm at times; sea very rough. English Channel (E of Dover): Wind SW or W, severe gale, increasing storm at times; sea very rough. English Channel (W of Dover): Wind SW or W, severe gale, increasing storm at times; sea very rough. English Channel (W of Dover): Wind SW or W, severe gale, increasing storm at times; sea very rough.

TODAY
Sun rises: 6:17am Sun sets: 7:44pm
Moon rises: 12:50am Moon sets: 6:07pm
New Moon: September 7.

TOMORROW
Sun rises: 6:17am Sun sets: 7:42pm
Moon rises: 1:00am Moon sets: 6:53pm
New Moon: September 7.

Lighting-up time

TODAY
London 6:14 pm to 6:47 pm
Edinburgh 6:24 pm to 6:57 pm
Manchester 6:32 pm to 6:52 pm
Plymouth 6:33 pm to 6:10 am
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Around Britain

Sun Rise: Max: Min: Showers: Cloudy
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Cardiff 6:18 15 9 80 Showers
Edinburgh 6:18 15 9 80 Showers
Glasgow 6:18 15 9 80 Showers
Liverpool 6:18 15 9 80 Showers
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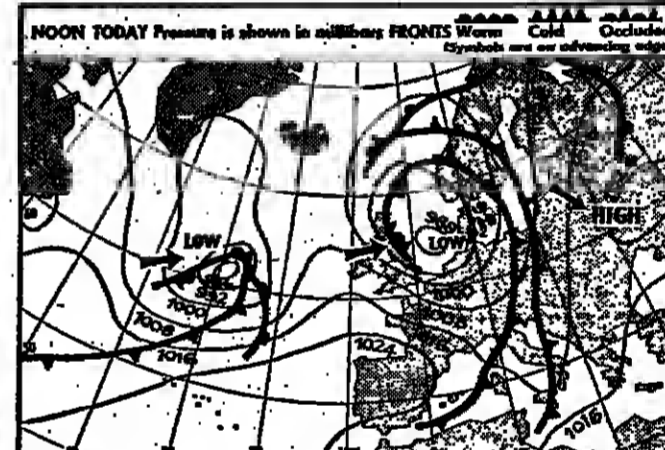


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